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WE GATHER IN HIS PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

Joel Lillethun, “Director Emeritus”

“I Saw the Light”

1. I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin,
I wouldn’t let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night;
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

CHORUS: *I saw the light. I saw the light
No more in darkness, no more in night.
Now I’m so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord. I saw the light.*

BREAK

2. Just like the blind man, I wandered along.
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then, like the blind man that God gave back the sight.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light. CHORUS

“Sweet By and By”

1. There’s a land that is fairer than day,
and by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way,
to prepare us a dwelling place there.

CHORUS: *In the sweet by and by,
we shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by,
we shall meet on that beautiful shore.*

BREAK

2. We shall sing on that beautiful shore,
the melodious songs of the blest.
And our spirits shall sorrow no more,
not a sigh for the blessing of rest. CHORUS

“Wade in the Water”

CHORUS: *Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water, God’s a going to trouble the water.*

1. See the host all dressed in white,
God’s a going to trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite,
God’s a going to trouble the water. CHORUS

2. See that band all dressed in red,
God’s a going to trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led,
God’s a going to trouble the water. CHORUS (2X)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE, sung “This Little Light of Mine”

1. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3. All around the world, I’m gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive

Leader: The bread of life opens our eyes.

People: The word of life opens our ears.

Leader: The risen one shows us God’s own brokenness,

People: and by those wounds we are healed.

Leader: Our hearts burn with love for him.

People: Let us worship the risen Lord!

*OPENING HYMN: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
mount of Thy redeeming love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, in unison

Our gracious God, we confess with the Apostle Paul.

We do not understand our actions.

We do not do the things we want to do, but we do the things
we despise. We do not do the good we want to do, but in-
stead we do the evil we hate. Help us, Lord, to follow you
and your ways, not our ways. Come to us and call us to you
with trust in you. (A moment for silent confession.) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, from The Confession of 1967

The new life we have in Jesus Christ does not release us from
conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, nor fear. We still struggle with
disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as we
mature in love and faithfulness in life with Christ, we live in
freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil
days, confident that our new life is pleasing to God and helpful to
others.

:: PASSING THE PEACE ::

And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God,
we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God’s command to love
and forgive one another.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Shall We Gather at the River”

1.Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever, flowing by the throne of God.

CHORUS: *Yes, we’ll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river.
Gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.*

BREAK

2. Soon we’ll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease.
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
CHORUS

BREAK CHORUS

SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE Matthew 14:22-33
“About Walkling on Water” Rev. Dr. Curtis Fussell

:: PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ::



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN of RESPONSE, seated "Peace Like a River"

1. I've got peace like a river (3x), ...in my soul.
2. I've got joy like a fountain (3x)...in my soul.
3. I've got love like an ocean (3x)...in my soul.
4. I thank God for creation (3X)...in my soul.

GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take Him at His Word.
Just to rest upon His promise,
thus to know, "Thus saith the Lord"

*CHORUS: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O, for grace to trust Him more!*

2. O, how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me,
'neath the healing, cleansing flood. *CHORUS*

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking,
life and rest, and joy and peace. *CHORUS*

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
precious Jesus, Saviour, Friend;
And I know that He is with me,
will be with me to the end. *CHORUS*



*BENEDICTION & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE, sung

"I'll Fly Away"

1. Some glad morning, when this life is over, I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

CHORUS:

*I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away*

2. When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away.
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly, I'll fly away.

CHORUS

3. Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away.

CHORUS



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special again!



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