

Order of Worship

February 25th, 2024 ~ The 2nd Sunday of Lent - 9am

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

God,

Like the Israelites in the wilderness, we too have known Your love, and experienced Your care and provision.

You invite us to extend that love to the world around us—to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves.

And so we bring the needs of our world before You now.

In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the many who do not have enough: enough food to eat, or shelter to keep warm; enough employment, or money to pay their bills; enough medicine or medical care.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We also pray for those who have more than enough, but who still struggle to find meaning and purpose in life; who indulge in dangerous or self-serving activities to dull their pain or loneliness.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Come As You Are

WS #42

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever
you've been

Come broken-hearted let rescue
begin

Come find your mercy O sinner
come kneel

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven
can't heal

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven
can't heal

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay
down your shame

All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home

You're not too far

So lay down your hurt lay down your
heart

Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless

And all those who've strayed

Come sit at the table come taste the
grace

There's rest for the weary

Rest that endures

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven
can't cure

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay
down your shame

All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home

You're not too far

So lay down your hurt lay down your
heart

Come as you are

Bridge

Come as you are

Fall in His arms

Come as you are

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning O sinner
be still

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven
can't heal

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven
can't heal

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay
down your shame

All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home

You're not too far

So lay down your hurt lay down your
heart

Come as you are

Ending

Come as you are

Come as you are

Come as you are

Ben Glover, David Crowder, Matt Maher

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Music for Meditation

Hymn

God Will Make a Way
RH #704

Chorus

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see
He will make a way for me
He will be my guide
Hold me closely to His side
With love and strength
For each new day
He will make a way
He will make a way

Chorus

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see
He will make a way for me
He will be my guide
Hold me closely to His side

With love and strength
For each new day
He will make a way
He will make a way

Verse

By a roadway in the wilderness
He'll lead me
And rivers in the desert will I see
Heaven and earth will fade
But His Word will still remain
He will do something new today

Chorus

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see
He will make a way for me
He will be my guide

Hold me closely to His side
With love and strength
For each new day
He will make a way
He will make a way

Chorus

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see
He will make a way for me
He will be my guide
Hold me closely to His side
With love and strength
For each new day
He will make a way
He will make a way

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Opening Prayer

Blessed are we who wait with bated breath, Who wait for something new to be born –For new hope or new joy or new life.

Blessed are we whose patience grows thinner by the day.

We who are tired of the world as it is –

in all of its heartache and loss and hopelessness.

We who want more. More hope. More joy. More life.

Surprise us with joy in the midst of the mundane,

With abundance in the midst of scarcity,

Presence in the midst of Christmas chaos.

We have quieted our souls to listen, to wait for you, Oh God,

For your word-made-flesh is life to us.

Emmanuel, Jesus the Christ, come and dwell among us. Fill us with your courage. Calm us with your love.

Fortify us with your hope.

Amen.

Special Music

Crowded Table

Natalie Hemby, Lori McKenna and Brandi Carlile

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23. A psalm of David.

1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I have all that I need.

2 He lets me rest in green meadows;
he leads me beside peaceful streams.

3 He renews my strength.

He guides me along right paths,
bringing honor to his name.

4 Even when I walk
through the darkest valley,[a]

I will not be afraid,
for you are close beside me.
Your rod and your staff
protect and comfort me.
5 You prepare a feast for me
in the presence of my enemies.
You honor me by anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings.
6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me
all the days of my life,
and I will live in the house of the Lord
forever.

Genesis 40: 20-23

Now the third day was Pharaoh's birthday, and he gave a feast for all his officials. He lifted up the heads of the chief cupbearer and the chief baker in the presence of his officials: 21 He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, so that he once again put the cup into Pharaoh's hand— 22 but he impaled the chief baker, just as Joseph had said to them in his interpretation.23 The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Something Different
Jeannette and Coulter

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Love's Recovery
Emily Saliers

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen**

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Communion

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision
RH #562

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom
Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
I Thy true son

Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

Verse 3

Be Thou my shield
And my sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity
Be Thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter
And Thou my high tow'r
Raise Thou me heav'nward
O pow'r of my pow'r

Verse 4

Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance

Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

Verse 5

High King of heaven
When vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all

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Closing Prayer

Hope nonetheless.
Hope despite.
Hope regardless.
Hope still. Hope where we had ceased to hope.
Hope amid what threatens hope.
Hope with those who feed our hope.
Hope beyond what we had hoped. Hope that draws us past our limits.
Hope that defies expectations.
Hope that questions what we have known.
Hope that makes a way where there is none. Hope that takes us past our fear.
Hope that calls us into life.
Hope that holds us beyond death.
Hope that blesses those to come.
Amen.

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Heidi Rovig,
Micha Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Altar – Meredith Hall
Greeters at 9:00 – Strecker Family
Scripture Reader and POP – Bob Wolfe