

## **Call To Worship**

*We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.*

### **Our Spoken Call to Worship**

*From Psalm 121 (CSB)*

I lift my eyes toward the mountains.  
Where will my help come from?

**My help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not allow your foot to slip;  
your Protector will not slumber.

**Indeed, the Protector of Israel  
does not slumber or sleep.**

The Lord protects you;  
the Lord is a shelter right by your side.  
The sun will not strike you by day  
or the moon by night.

**The Lord will protect you from all harm;  
he will protect your life.  
The Lord will protect your coming and going  
both now and forever.**

**Our Sung Call to Worship  
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

**Chorus**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name.**

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (Chorus)

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind;  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come;  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. (Chorus 2X's)

Ending

I'll worship your holy name,  
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

## **Lament**

*We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.*

### **Our Spoken Lament**

Lord, we lift our eyes to the world and mourn what we see—  
**a world under a curse, groaning to be free.**

We lament the decay of our bodies—  
**the harm done by illness, disorder, and disease,  
the fading of memory and strength,  
the pains of mental illness,  
the sting of death.**

We lament the decay of our relationships—  
**broken friendships,  
trafficking of human beings,  
corruption, disorder and injustice,  
destruction of marriage and family,  
hatred, greed, envy, murder, and strife.**

We lament the effect of sin on your church—  
**the attacks of the devil,  
the ungodliness of partiality,  
the delusions of false doctrine,  
the sorrows of unrighteous division,  
the departure of those who renounce Christ.**

Lord, we ask you to see, to hear, and to act—  
**cause us to grow in faith, love, and grace,  
to persevere in doubt and disillusion,  
to know your salvation.**

**Remember that we are dust,  
and return soon, Lord Jesus!**

*Time of silent confession.*

### **Our Sung Confession He Will Hold Me Fast**

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast. (Chorus)

### **Chorus**

**He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,**

## **He will hold me fast.**

### Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast. (Chorus)

### Verse 3

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight,  
When He comes at last! (Chorus)

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## **Assurance and Peace**

*We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.*

### **Remember the Gospel & The Lord's Supper**

*Based on 1 Peter 3:18 and Romans 8:31-32*

Weary souls, hear the good news this morning!

Christ suffered for sins once for all,  
the righteous for the unrighteous,  
that he might bring you to God.  
He was put to death in the flesh  
but made alive by the Spirit

### **Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

Do you believe that Christ died for your sins?

**Yes, we believe that Jesus died to deliver us  
from the condemnation of the Law,  
the accusations of the devil,  
the corruptions of the flesh,  
and the power of sin.**

Do you believe that Christ rose from the dead?

**Yes, we believe that Jesus rose from the dead  
and that all who are united with him through faith  
shall be raised with a resurrection like his.**

What assurance does this faith give you?

**If God is for us, who is against us?  
He did not even spare his own Son  
but gave him up for us all.  
How will he not also with him grant us everything?**

What has Christ given you to remember this promise?

**He invites us to dine at his table.**

What is this bread?

**This is the body of Christ, broken for us.**

What is this cup?

**This is the blood of Christ, broken for us.**

Let's stand and sing, rejoicing in the gospel!

**Our Sung Profession of Assurance  
The Power of the Cross**

Verse 1

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood. (Chorus 1)

**Chorus 1**

**This the pow'r of the cross;  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Verse 2

Oh to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow. (Chorus 1)

Verse 3

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life  
'Finished!' the vict'ry cry. (Chorus 1)

Verse 4

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suff'ring I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live  
Won through Your selfless love! (Chorus 2)

**Chorus 2**

**This the pow'r of the cross  
Son of God slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

*Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

## **Elder Prayer**

### **Offering**

*You may give electronically at [gabcames.org/giving/](http://gabcames.org/giving/) or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.*

### **Scripture Reading**

2 Peter 1:3-9 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup> by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

<sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup> and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup> For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

2 Peter 1:5-9 – Our Grace-Driven Effort – Pastor Michael Felkins

### **Sending**

*Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in both song and spoken word.*

### **Blessing**

*From 2 Peter 3:18*

To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.

**Amen.**

**Presentation of New Members**