

Reflection

*"Whether God's people are those of Joshua's era or today,
the central fact and driving force of life must be the worship of God."*

Lissa M. Wray Beal, Joshua (The Story of God Bible Commentary)

Call To Worship

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

Our Spoken Call to Worship

From Psalm 118:24 (ESV) Psalm 117 (CSB)

This is the day the Lord has made!

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Praise the Lord, all nations!
Glorify Him, all peoples!
For His faithful love to us is great;
The Lord's faithfulness endures forever.
Hallelujah!**

Our Sung Call to Worship

O Shout For Joy (The New Hundredth)

Verse 1

Oh, shout for joy unto the Lord,
Worship Him with gladness.
Let all the earth bring songs of praise,
Telling of His greatness,
Know that the Lord we praise is God;
He is God our Maker,
And we are His, a people called
Sheep within His pasture. (Chorus)

Chorus

**Oh, enter in His gates with praise.
His courts with great thanksgiving;
For He is good, His love endures
Morning after morning.**

Verse 2

Oh, shout for joy unto the Lord!
See the way is open
To live in peace beneath His grace,
Every sin forgiven
For He who knew no mark of sin
Took our sin upon Him,
That we might be the righteousness
Of the God of Heaven. (Chorus)

Verse 3

Oh, shout for joy unto the Lord
Through the hours of darkness.
For day by day His faithful hand
Ever stays upon us.
With every morning rise, we kneel;
All our lives we offer
To be a living sacrifice,
Wholly to the Saviour. (Chorus)

Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession

Adapted from The Gate of Prayer by John MacDuff

Lord, guide us by Your counsel as we examine our sinful hearts.

**Forgive us for every unloving thought,
every unworthy aim
and all prideful aspirations.**

Remove them far from us to make space for what is pure and unselfish and kind. May every idol that would usurp Your place in our hearts be overthrown.

**Forgive us for the corrupt thoughts that pollute our hearts,
the unworthy utterances that defile our tongues
and every unholy action that stains our lives.**

Preserve us from the world's insinuating, seductive power--and from the treachery and deceitfulness of our own evil hearts.

Whatever is our dominant sin:

**ease or pleasure,
pride or passion,
covetousness or ambition;**

**enable us, by the promised help of Your Spirit, to subdue it—
nailing it to the Redeemer's cross.**

Time of silent confession.

Our Sung Confession

I Need Thee Every Hour

Verse 1

I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

Verse 2

I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

Verse 3

I need Thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

Verse 4

I need Thee ev'ry hour, teach me Thy will;
Thy promises so rich in me fulfill.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee!

O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

Verse 5

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One;

O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee!

O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

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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

Adapted from William Mason

Brothers and Sisters!

The riches of Christ are boundless and bottomless!

We have in Christ unsearchable riches!

An inexhaustible treasure which never fails!

O let your mind be ever inspecting your beloved Christ . . .

His wondrous person,

His amazing love,

His glorious salvation!

For He has laid down His life for us, the enemy.

We are no longer strangers but fellow citizens with the saints!

To Him be the glory and the dominion forever more!

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

The Gospel Changes Everything

Verse 1

The gospel changes ev'rything,

The turning point in history.

Even now it's changing me from who I was.

The story of my Savior calls

Me to the wonder of the cross.

The gospel changes ev'rything

And it is changing me. (Repeat) (Chorus)

Chorus

You saved my soul by Your blood

And I'm undone by your great love.

You made a way so I could come

Just as I am to You my God.

Verse 2

Jesus changes ev'rything.

There is no greater mystery

That God would come to rescue me

From who I was.

The kindness of my Savior calls

Me to the wonder of His love.

Jesus changes ev'rything

And He's changing me. (Chorus 2 X's)

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Just as I am to You my God.

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Oh, Christ, My Life

Verse 1

My treasure lies in heaven,
Beyond this mortal veil,
Where death can never ruin,
Where foes cannot assail;
Secured through all the ages
By a covenant of love,
A fount of endless riches
Awaiting me above.

Verse 2

My peace and consolation
Will carry through the night;
It rests on the foundation
Of a gracious sacrifice.
My once-forsaken savior
Has tasted every grief;
The One who knows my weakness
Now runs to my relief. (Chorus)

Chorus

**O Christ, my life,
My joy, my prize,
My soul will hide
In you, O Christ, my life.**

Verse 3

My shield and my defender
From all that haunts my soul
Has faced my condemnation
And paid my debt in full.
Though death and hell assailed him
They could not overcome
So when my strength shall fail me
The vict'ry will be won. (Chorus)

Verse 4

My pardon, my salvation,
My righteousness, my life,
My hope of resurrection,
Is found alone in Christ.
No power can condemn me
For he was crucified;
Since I have died with Jesus
With him, I shall arise! (Chorus)

Thanksgiving and Petition

We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God

We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.

We Give Thanks by Giving

We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.

On the first Sunday of each month we have two offerings—one for the general fund and a second one for the benevolence ministry of our church.

You may give electronically at 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

Joshua 14:1-15, Joshua 19:49-51 (ESV)

¹These are the inheritances that the people of Israel received in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel gave them to inherit. ²Their inheritance was

by lot, just as the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses for the nine and one-half tribes.

³For Moses had given an inheritance to the two and one-half tribes beyond the Jordan, but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them.

⁴For the people of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. And no portion was given to the Levites in the land, but only cities to dwell in, with their pasturelands for their livestock and their substance. ⁵The people of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses; they allotted the land.

⁶Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the LORD said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. ⁷I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. ⁸But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the LORD my God. ⁹And Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.' ¹⁰And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. ¹¹I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming.

¹²So now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the LORD said."

¹³Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. ¹⁴Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the LORD, the God of Israel. ¹⁵Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba. (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim.) And the land had rest from war.

⁴⁹When they had finished distributing the several territories of the land as inheritances, the people of Israel gave an inheritance among them to Joshua the son of Nun. ⁵⁰By command of the LORD they gave him the city that he asked, Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim. And he rebuilt the city and settled in it.

⁵¹ These are the inheritances that Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel distributed by lot at Shiloh before the LORD, at the entrance of the tent of meeting. So they finished dividing the land.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Joshua 13-19 - The Inheritance of Faith - Pastor Eric Schumacher

Sermon Discipleship Questions

1. What encouraged you?
2. What convicted you?
3. Is there anything in your life that needs to change?

Sending

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

Blessing

Beloved, may you esteem Christ
as your greatest treasure this week!
Let all your hopes center on Him
and every affection be fixed on Him!
Until time is swallowed up in eternity,
may you receive His inexhaustible fullness:
Grace upon grace
Blessing upon blessing
Comfort upon comfort!

Next week's scripture passage: Joshua 20:1-9