



CHRIST — PRES —

Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, September 20, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word and Prayer

September 20, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Music: Laura Taylor; Lyrics: John Newton, 1774



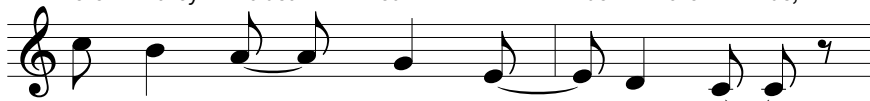
1. Let us love and sing and won - der,
2. Let us sing though fierce temp - ta - tion
3. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice
4. Let us praise and join the chor - us



let us praise the Sav - ior's name,
threat - ens hard to bear us down,
join and point to mer - cy's store;
of the saints en - throned on high;



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion,
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Here they trust - ed Him be - fore us,



He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame,
holds in view the and asks qu'ror's crown;
jus - tice smiles and no more.
now their prais - es fill the sky.



He has washed us with His blood, *repeat 2x*
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
You have washed us with Your blood,



He has brought us nigh to God.
soon will bring us home to God.
has se - cured our way to God.
You are wor - thy, Lamb of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Brian Sorgenfrei

*Call to Worship¹

Psalm 24:1-10

Elder: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

People: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

^{*}Please stand, if able.

¹We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

Elder: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

People: **He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Elder: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this King of glory?**

Elder: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

People: **Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Elder: Who is this King of glory?

All: **The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

****This Is My Father's World***

Music: TERRA BEATA, Franklin L. Sheppard, Edward Shippen Barnes, & Joe Deegan
Lyrics: Maltbie D. Babcock & Joe Deegan

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my
2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their
3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me

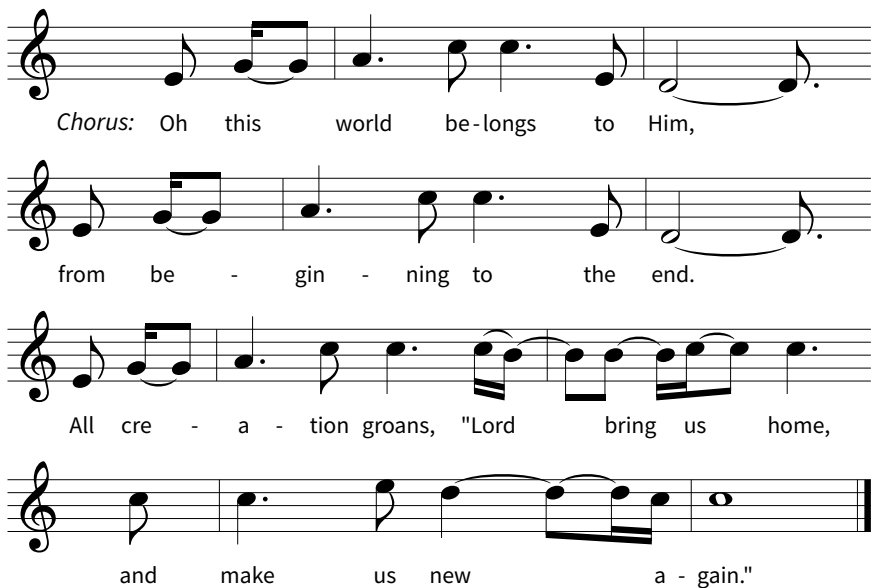
lis - t'ning ears, all na - ture sings and
ca - rols raise, the morn - ing light, the
ne'er for - get that though the wrong seems

round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
li - ly white, de - clare their Ma - ker's praise.
oft so strong, God is the Ru - ler yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought
This is my Fa - ther's world: He shines in all that's fair;
This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done:

of the rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
in the rus - tling grass I hear Him pass,
Je - sus who died shall be sat - is - fied,

His hand speaks the won - ders wrought.
He and earth to me ev - ery - where.
and heav'n be one.



***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Romans 8:31-32, 35, 37-39

Elder: Church, what can you say about God's love for you?

All: What then shall we say...? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?...

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?...

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**

Hymn No. 535

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas John Williams, 1890; Lyrics: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925

Call to Confession

1 John 1:5-10

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: Heavenly Father, many are the moments when clouds of darkness and unbelief come to me. Help me to humble myself before You, that I may see Your purpose of love in chastening me for past successes that my wound of secret godlessness may be cured. Unbelief shuts You from me so that I do not sense Your power, mercy, or love. Let me never forget that the heinousness of sin does not lie in the nature of the sin committed as much as in the greatness of the One sinned against. When I am afraid of evils to come, comfort me; show me that in myself I am condemned, but that in Christ I am reconciled, made alive and satisfied; that I am feeble, but that in Him I can do all things; that what I have in Christ is mine now in part, but shortly I shall have it perfectly in heaven. Through Christ and for His sake. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Titus 3:4-7

⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Music & Lyrics: Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson

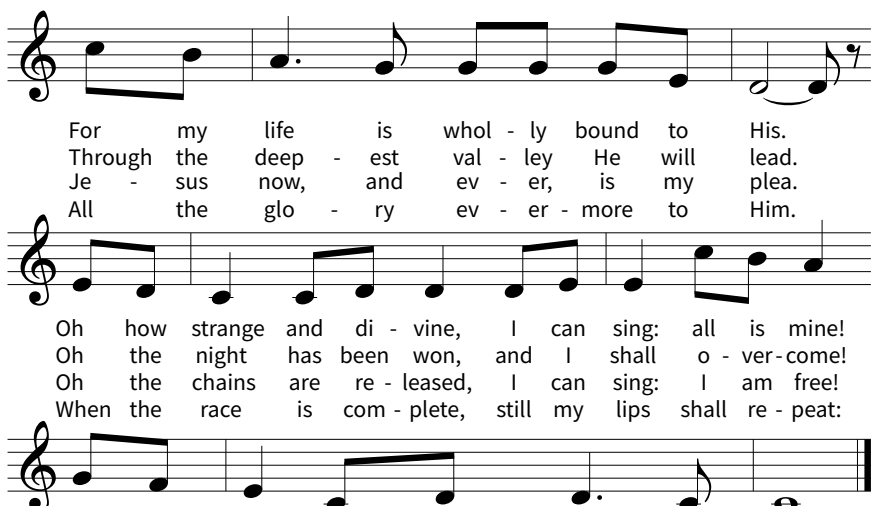
1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er.
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sa - ken,
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en,
4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus,

There is no more for heav - en now to give.
for by my side, the Sav - ior, He will stay.
the fu - ture sure, the price, it has been paid.
for He has said that He will bring me home.

He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and free - dom,
I la - bor on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing,
For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don,
And day by day I know He will re - new me

my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played.
and He was raised to o - ver - throw the grave.
un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus.
To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me.
To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed.
To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus.



For my life is whol - ly bound to His.
Through the deep - est val - ley He will lead.
Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my plea.
All the glo - ry ev - er - more to Him.

Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine!
Oh the night has been won, and I shall o - ver-come!
Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free!
When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Will Fountain

Offertory

"Immortal Invisible"

Welsh melody, arr. Steve Sacks

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

***Children's Church dismissal during the service for four- & five-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.*

Pastoral Prayer

Brian Sorgenfrei

Members of the Week:

Bailey & Emily Lipscomb; Bell and Duffer

Jeffrey & Mary Melinda Little; William, Lilly James, Mary Eva and Leo

Missionaries of the Week:

Connie Miller: PCA Women's Ministry International

Teacher of the Week:

3 Year Olds: Eden & Gray Flora, Emily Lipscomb & Ellen Ossorio

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Trip & Kim Farris

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 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.

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 5:11-6:9

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Apostasy & the Unforgivable Sin"

Les Newsom

Steadfast: Enduring Faith for Weary People

Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.

**Please stand, if able.*

***Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!*

***Amazing Grace, verses 1-4, 6**

Hymn No. 460

Music: Traditional American melody, Edwin O. Excell, 1900; Lyrics: John Newton, 1779

***Benediction²**

Sermon Notes

"Apostasy & the Unforgivable Sin"

Hebrews 5:11-6:9

1. The Audience

2. The Warning

3. The Antidote

Musicians & AVL Team

Gabbie Bowden, vocals; Randall Bryant, guitar, trombone & vocals; Connor Carlisle, cello;
Noel Childress, mandolin; Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer; Greg Johnson, bass;
Allison Lavender, violin; Andy Paney, piano; Daniel Roebuck, keyboard & trumpet;
Daniel Spears, percussion

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²Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us **September 21st at 5:45pm** at Christ Pres for a special men's event with our friends from Grace Bible! We'll welcome Matt Howell, Pastor at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Memphis and former RUF Campus Minister, to explore a surprising question: Does humor and laughter have a place in the Christian life? Come enjoy an evening of fellowship, conversation & encouragement. Scan the QR code to register!

Workshop Series

on connecting and Sharing Christ
with Internationals
in Oxford

Join our International Ministry and Bridges International as we team up for a three-part workshop series exploring how we can connect with and share Christ with internationals in Oxford. We'll meet **September 13, 20 & 27 from 3-4pm** at Grace Bible Church (1720 University Ave). Everyone is welcome!



We're excited to celebrate the end of our Rooted & Raised campaign together! Join us for a special Victory Celebration Dinner on September 27th at 5pm as we give thanks for all God has done and celebrate this milestone as a church family. We hope you'll join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and celebration!



Ladies, our next Mahjong Monday is **September 28th at 6:30pm**. Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious to learn, this is a perfect opportunity to connect with other women and enjoy the timeless game of Mahjong. Bring supplies if you have them, or just bring yourself!

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