

Words for Worship – Sunday, August 23, 2020

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CONFESSION

As we gather in Your presence, O God, we acknowledge that we are not perfect. We have faults and failings. We confess that our sin turns us inward in self-centeredness. Trusting in Your infinite, inexhaustible mercy, we place ourselves, with all our strengths and weaknesses, in Your loving hands, open to receive the cleansing of Your forgiveness. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living Lord, give us the strength to turn off the noise of our world, and have our roots run deeply in You, Your Word, and Your grace. The less we trust You, the less we grow. The more we are open to You in our daily lives, the more we flourish in Your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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| <p>1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.</p> <p>3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.</p> | <p>2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.</p> |
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Text: African American spiritual

SCRIPTURE

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Colossians 1:11-13

¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Our theme verse for the August 26th Parking Lot event, and our fall worship services:

Colossians 2:6,7

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

SERMON: "Rooted in Christ"



Rooted

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You plant me in the meadows
Where my desert heart can bloom
You break the fields of fallow ground
And my spirit begins to grow in You

Oh I will ever be rooted in You, God
Ever be rooted in You, God
Ever be rooted in You

And I will ever be rooted in You, God
Ever be rooted in You, Lord
Ever be rooted in You

You lift these broken branches
Graft me into the vine
Oh God of second chances
I know You're leading me into harvest time
I know You're leading me into harvest time

Oh I will ever be rooted in You, God
Ever be rooted in You, God
Ever be rooted in You

And I will ever be rooted in You, God
Ever be rooted in You, Lord
Ever be rooted in You

No, I won't be moved when the world tries to bend me
I'm firmly grounded in truth that has saved me
Jesus, You save me

Oh I will ever be rooted in You, God
Ever be rooted in You, God
Ever be rooted in You
I will be rooted in You

OFFERING PRAYER

You have given all to me; to You Lord, I return it.
Everything is Yours; do with it what You will.
Give me only Your love and Your grace - that is enough for me. Amen.

PRAYERS

P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **May we be rooted in Christ.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

When Pain of the World Surrounds Us

#704, verses 1, 2, 4

- 1 When pain of the world surrounds us with darkness and despair,
when searching just confounds us with false hopes ev'rywhere,
when lives are starved for meaning and destiny is bare,
we are called to follow Jesus and let God's healing flow through us.

- 2 We see with fear and trembling our aching world in need,
confessing to each other our wastefulness and greed.
May we with steadfast caring the hungry children feed.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's justice flow through us.

- 4 We praise You for our journey and Your abundant grace,
Your saving word that guided a struggling human race.
O God, with all creation, Your future we embrace.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's changes flow through us.

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