

NEW LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – ROSEVILLE

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Prelude – The River

Verse 1

I know a place where we can go
To lay the troubles down eating your soul
I know a place where mercy flows
Take the stains make you whiter than snow

Pre-Chorus

Like a tide it is rising up deep inside
A current that moves and makes ya come alive
Living water that brings the dead to life
Oh oh

Chorus

We're goin' down to the river
Down to the river
Down to the river to pray
Let's get washed by the water
Washed by the water
And rise up in amazing grace
Let's go down down down to the river
You will leave changed
Let's go down down down to the river
Never the same

Verse 2

I've seen it move in my own life
Took me from dusty roads into Paradise
All of my dirt all of my shame
Drowned in the streams that have made me
born again

Bridge

Let's go down
Oh oh oh
(REPEAT)

Ending

Oh down
Oh oh oh
Gotta go gotta go gotta go down in amazing
grace

Let's go down down down to the river
Gotta go gotta go gotta go down in amazing
grace

Prayer

Quote of the day

When a man's stomach is full it makes no
difference whether he is rich or poor. – *Euripides*

Announcements

Call to Worship

Lord give us today our daily bread.
Let us remember those who do not have bread
for today.
**May we willingly share your generous
provision,
With all who hunger and lack adequate
nutrition.
In our own communities and across the globe.**
Lord give us today our daily bread.
Let us stand in solidarity with those who risk
their health to provide our food.
**May we cry out for justice in the food industry,
For all workers exposed to toxic chemicals and
pesticides.
For farmworkers not paid a living wage.**
Lord give us today our daily bread.
Let us remember our bodies are God's holy
temple.
**May we not eat too much or eat unwisely,
And destroy our health,
Or deplete our planet's resources.**
Lord give us today our daily bread.
Let us remember we are all part of God's
worldwide community.
**May we work together to steward the world
God has created,
Recognizing our responsibility as caretakers
and neighbors,**

And joining in the celebration of God's good creation.

Come let us celebrate and worship God!

Call to Confession

We are called to imitate Christ, but too often we emulate the lesser gods of our culture. We are called to be in the world, but not of it. Yet, we fail and stumble in our discipleship. Nonetheless, God is merciful and abounding in steadfast love. Let us confess our sins before God and one another, first in silence and then together as one family in Christ. Let us pray.

Silence

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Creator, we have eaten our fill of this world's bounty and allowed the leftover to spoil. Have mercy on us, and help us to take only what we need. We have used all of our resources, and taken those of others, have mercy on us, and help us to take only what we need. We have created disasters in our response to disasters, have mercy on us, and help us to listen. We have believed we were right, simply because of our wealth, have mercy on us, and help us to listen. We have received more than we need, and rarely given the excess away, have mercy on us, and help us to share. We have failed to fix our systems of waste, have mercy on us, and help us to share. Come to us, Holy Spirit, and hear our prayers. Forgive us these things and those we have not named. Restore us, O God, and renew our minds, our bodies, and our communities for the work of your justice in this, your world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Ask for the bread of life and it will be given unto you. The Lord our God answers us and forgives us. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends believe in the promise of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ Jesus

Peace be with you
And also with you.

Hymn – Happy Day

Verse 1

The greatest day in history
Death is beaten You have rescued me
Sing it out Jesus is alive
The empty cross the empty grave
Life eternal You have won the day
Shout it out Jesus is alive
He's alive

Chorus

And oh happy day happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh happy day happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed
(What a glorious glorious day)
(I'll never be the same)

Verse 2

When I stand in that place
Free at last meeting face to face
I am Yours Jesus You are mine
Endless joy perfect peace
Earthly pain finally will cease
Celebrate Jesus is alive
He's alive

Bridge

Oh what a glorious day
What a glorious way
That You have saved me
And oh what a glorious day
What a glorious name
Hey

Ending

What a glorious glorious day
I'll never be the same

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Ben Cantelon | Tim Hughes

Scripture - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

I, Paul, together here with Silas and Timothy, send greetings to the church at Thessalonica, Christians assembled by God the Father and by the Master, Jesus Christ. God's amazing grace be with you! God's robust peace!

²⁻⁵ Every time we think of you, we thank God for you. Day and night you're in our prayers as we call to mind your work of faith, your labor of love, and your patience of hope in following our Master, Jesus Christ, before God our Father. It is clear to us, friends, that God not only loves you very much but also has put his hand on you for something special. When the Message we preached came to you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. The Holy Spirit put steel in your convictions.

⁵⁻⁶ You paid careful attention to the way we lived among you, and determined to live that way yourselves. In imitating us, you imitated the Master. Although great trouble accompanied the Word, you were able to take great joy from the Holy Spirit!—taking the trouble with the joy, the joy with the trouble.

⁷⁻¹⁰ Do you know that all over the provinces of both Macedonia and Achaia believers look up to you? The word has gotten around. Your lives are echoing the Master's Word, not only in the provinces but all over the place. The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore—you're the message! People come up and tell us how you received us with open arms, how you deserted the dead idols of your old life so you could embrace and serve God, the true God. They marvel at how expectantly you await the arrival of his Son, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescued us from certain doom.

Matthew 22:15-22

That's when the Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in, to ask, "Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don't pander to

your students. So tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, "Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? Do you have a coin? Let me see it." They handed him a silver piece.

"This engraving—who does it look like? And whose name is on it?"

They said, "Caesar."

"Then give Caesar what is his, and give God what is his."

The Pharisees were speechless. They went off shaking their heads.

Sermon **Hungry for Change** **Riz**

Hymn - God Of Grace And God Of Glory

Verse 1

God of grace and God of glory
On Thy people pour Thy power
Crown Thine ancient church's story
Bring its bud to glorious flower
Grant us wisdom grant us courage
For the facing of this hour
For the facing of this hour

Verse 2

Lo the hosts of evil 'round us
Scorn Thy Christ assail His ways
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise
Grant us wisdom grant us courage
For the living of these days
For the living of these days

Verse 3

Cure Thy children's warring madness
Bend our pride to Thy control
Shame our wanton selfish gladness
Rich in things and poor in soul
Grant us wisdom grant us courage
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal

Verse 4

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
Be our glory evermore
Grant us wisdom grant us courage
Serving thee whom we adore
Serving thee whom we adore

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Harry Emerson Fosdick | Keith Christopher

Morning Prayer and The 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Our Lives & Gifts to God

Turn the Radio On Boston Imposters

Prayer of Dedication

God of Justice and mercy, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in our world. Nowhere near enough to save the thousands who are dying of starvation or malnutrition, or even to meet the needs of the hungry and homeless in our city. Yet we come with open hands, bringing what we can. As you once multiplied the five loaves and two fish, multiply these gifts as well, so that, once again, the hungry may receive all they need, And more, Amen.

Benediction

Go now and invest your lives in the works of faith,
Giving to Caesar what is Caesars and giving to God what is God's.

You have heard the word of God, what more can I say,

We will live as the message to the world, that God's love never fails.

Make a name for yourselves for generosity and compassion.

We fulfill God's holy law by putting love into action as eagerly for others as we would for ourselves.

And may God be your defender and provider; May Christ Jesus dispel all that disturbs or immobilizes you; and may the Holy Spirit make you rich in faith and loving and merciful in action, so all may share in the harvest of your blessings.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, In the name of Christ. Amen.