



**"BLESS THE LORD,
O MY SOUL,
& forget not all
His benefits."**

- Psalm 103:2

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020
10:30 a.m.**

As We Gather

We live in a world filled with uncertainty, and much of this uncertainty is so personal. Who we are and what it is that gives our lives identity, meaning, and purpose go to the very heart of the questions for our times. Today, Paul reminds us that we belong to the Lord. Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Being the Lord's own is what shapes our self-understanding and defines how we relate to one another. All the things that divide us on earth and how we are tempted to identify ourselves by preference or desire are overcome by the Lord, who suffered for us, died to save us, and lives to set us free. This love makes it possible for us to see others as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Heart of Worship

by Matt Redman

**When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come;
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart.**

Pre-chorus:

**I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself
Is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.**

Chorus:

**I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You,
All about you, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about you, all about You, Jesus.**

**King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath.
Pre-chorus and Chorus**

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Sentences

Psalm 103:1-5

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and forget not all His benefits,

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity,

People: who heals all your diseases,

Pastor: who redeems your life from the pit,

People: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Pastor: who satisfies you with good

People: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

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.

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

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

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

Confession and Forgiveness

People Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

for sins of habit and sins of choice,

for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from Your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation so I may delight in your

will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Who You Say I Am

by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

**Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me Oh His love for me**

Chorus 1

**Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am**

**Free at last He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me Yes He died for me**

Chorus 2

**In my Father's house There's a place for me
I'm a child of God Yes I am**

Bridge

**I am chosen not forsaken I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me I am who You say I am (Repeat)
Chorus 1 and 2**

Old Testament

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

The Nicene Creed

Reckless Love

by Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury and Ran Jackson

**Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me**

Chorus

**(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah**

**When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me** Chorus

Bridge

**There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down Coming after me (Repeat)** Chorus

Sermon

We Lift Our Hearts in Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Distribution

The Blessing

You Will Never Run

by Rend Collective

**You will never run away You're forever mine
You will never run away You're by my side**

**Love wide as galaxies love deeper than the sea
Countless as all infinity
Love like a shooting star tearing apart the dark
Shining for all eternity Shining for all eternity**

Chorus

**You will never run away You're forever mine
You will never run away You're by my side
You will never run away You forever shine
You will never run away You're by my side**

**Love stronger than the grave Love rolled the stone away
Rising with endless majesty Love takes us by the hand
Love is the wildest dance You are the joy and fight in me
You are the joy and fight in me Chorus**

Bridge

**Hearts open wide hands lifted high
Over the clouds up into the blue sky
Hearts open wide hands lifted high
Over the clouds up into the blue sky Chorus**

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