



INDEED, I COUNT
EVERYTHING AS LOSS
BECAUSE OF THE
SURPASSING WORTH
OF KNOWING CHRIST
JESUS MY LORD. FOR
HIS SAKE I HAVE
SUFFERED THE LOSS
OF ALL THINGS AND
COUNT THEM AS
RUBBISH, IN ORDER
THAT I MAY GAIN
CHRIST
PHILIPPIANS 3:8

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2020
10:30 a.m.

The altar flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by
Larry and Grace Hoffman in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The flowers in front of the lectern today are given to the glory of God by
Tim and Bev Reeb in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.
God's continued blessings!

As We Gather

"The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel," sings Isaiah in the Old Testament Reading. Note that Israel, the vineyard, belongs to the Lord of hosts, not to Israel. What a hard lesson for our Old Testament forebears to learn! When Jesus used that text as the basis for His timely parable, the truth didn't sink in. The workers in the vineyard wanted to own the vine and its wine, and Jesus' hearers wanted to control Israel as if it were their own. "Rubbish," Paul virtually yells in his epistle. Everything is worthless compared to knowing Christ. Why? Because "Christ Jesus has made me His own." To belong to Christ, by the grace of God, is all that we need. In the process we find that we belong here, within God's vineyard, until by His upward call we find that we are in His presence forever.

God My Rock by Brenton Brown and Paul Baloche

**When my heart is overwhelmed, I will look to You alone,
God, my rock, God, my rock, God, my rock.
You will stand when others fall; You are faithful through it all,
God, my rock, God, my rock, God, my rock.
In the blessing, in the pain, through it all, You've never failed me.**

Chorus:

**You are the strength of my heart. You are the strength of my heart.
I can rely on You. I can rely on You.**

**When I've struggle to believe, You have not let go of me,
God, my rock, God, my rock, God, my rock.
Carried through the darkest storms, You have held me in your arms,
God, my rock, God, my rock, God, my rock.
In the blessings, in the pain, through it all, You've never failed me.**

Chorus:

**You are the strength of my heart. You are the strength of my heart.
I can rely on You. I can rely on You.**

You are the joy of my life. You are my song in the night.

There is no one as true. Jesus, I trust in You.

(Instrumental interlude)

Chorus, Instrumental, Chorus

Welcome

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

Pastor: This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Today is the Day by Lincoln Brewster | Paul Baloche

**I'm casting my cares aside I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good It's good**

Chorus

**Today is the day You have made I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day today is the day**

**I'm putting my fears aside I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good Chorus**

Bridge

**I will stand upon Your truth (I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You (All my days I'll live for You)
And I will stand upon Your truth (I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You (All my days I'll live)**

Chorus 2

**Today is the day You have made I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow I'm giving You my fears and
sorrows Where You lead me I will follow
I'm trusting in what You say Today is the day (5X)**

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need. *Heb. 4:14-16*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

People: **Have mercy on me, O God,
According to Your steadfast love.
In Your great mercy, Wash away my iniquity
And cleanse me from my sin.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence;
And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.**

Ps. 51:1-2, 10-12

Words of Forgiveness

To the Cross by Paul Baloche and Jason Ingram

**Where can I go but to the cross, to the cross,
For there my shame, You have washed away;
Where can I go but to the cross, to the cross,
For there You gave up Your life for me;
You gave Your life for me.**

**Chorus:
You stretched Your arms out wide;
I lift my hands up high to my Savior.
You stretched Your arms out wide;
I lift my hands up high to my Savior.**

**So Lord I run to the cross, to the cross;
Surrender all to my Savior King;
Be my ev'rything. Chorus**

Bridge:

Chains are broken, shame has fallen;

All my sins are gone;

Chains are broken, shame has fallen;

All my sins are gone.

Chorus and Bridge

Old Testament

Isaiah 5:1-7

- ¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
- ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
- ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
- ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
- ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
- ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briars and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
- ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the

law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

³³[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

The Second Article

Redemption

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

We Believe by Travis Ryan, Richie Fike, and Matt Hooper

**In this time of desperation When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation We believe we believe
In this broken generation When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation We believe we believe**

Chorus

**We believe in God the Father We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection And He's coming back again
We believe**

**So let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations We believe we believe**

Chorus

**We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again**

(Bridge)

**Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe we believe**

Chorus

**We believe in God the Father We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection And He's coming back
He's coming back again He's coming back again
We believe we believe**

Lift Our Hearts in Prayer

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

The Blessing

Strong Enough

by Matthew West

**You must You must think I'm strong
To give me what I'm going through
Well forgive me forgive me if I'm wrong
But this looks like more than I can do
On my own**

Chorus

**I know I'm not strong enough to be
Everything that I'm supposed to be
I give up I'm not strong enough
Hands of mercy won't You cover me
Lord right now I'm asking You to be
Strong enough strong enough
For the both of us**

**Well maybe maybe that's the point
To reach the point of giving up
'Cause when I'm finally finally at rock bottom
Well that's when I start looking up
And reaching out Chorus**

(Bridge)

**'Cause I'm broken Down to nothing
But I'm still holding on to the one thing
You are God And You are strong when I am weak**

**I can do all things through Christ Who gives me strength
And I don't have to be strong enough
I can do all things through Christ Who gives me strength
And I don't have to be Strong enough strong enough Chorus**

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