



SEEK the LORD

WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND
CALL UPON HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2020
10:30 a.m.**

As We Gather

A part of us expects justice from God. We think that fairness ought to reign—that each of us should get what we deserve. But this is a dead end. God does not give us what we deserve but acts with mercy and grace beyond belief. He is scandalously generous and lavish with us—giving us what we do not deserve and have not earned. We are tempted to ask God for equity and what we deserve, but God is determined to give us so much more in Christ. Only in faith can we learn to let God be God, to honor His generosity with the only response He desires: faith and thanksgiving. Today we pray the Lord to break through to our hearts and minds with His abundant grace and to rejoice that He is more than fair—He is merciful!

Goodness Of God

by Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson

**I love You Lord Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head I will sing of the goodness of God**

Chorus

**All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God**

**I love Your voice You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God**

Bridge

**Your goodness is running after It's running after me
Your goodness is running after It's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give You everything Your goodness is running after
It's running after me**

Welcome

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Psalm 27:1, 4-6

Pastor: ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Pastor: ⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**People: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

Pastor: ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**People: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

Pastor: ⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

People: I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Open Up the Heavens by Merideth Andrews

We've waited for this day

We're gathered in Your Name Calling out to You

Your glory like a fire awakening desire Will burn our hearts with truth

(Pre-Chorus)

You're the reason we're here You're the reason we're singing

Chorus

Open up the heavens we want to see You

Open up the floodgates a mighty river

Flowing from Your heart Filling every part of our praise

Your presence in this place Your glory on our face

We're looking to the sky Descending like a cloud

You're standing with us now Lord unveil our eyes Chorus

(Bridge)

Show us show us Your glory Show us show us Your power

Show us show us Your glory Lord (repeat) Chorus

Confession and Forgiveness

**People: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived
as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's
name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers
have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and
so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have
hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and
desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all my sins,
and I ask for grace that I may do better. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Come As You Are

by David Crowder, Matt Maher, Ben Glover

**Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.
Come, brokenhearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy. O sinner, come kneel;
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.**

Chorus:

**Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home; You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.**

**There's hope for the hopeless and all who've strayed:
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure. Chorus**

**Come as you are. Come as you are.
Fall in his arms. Come as you are.**

**There's joy for the morning. O sinner, be still.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Chorus**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶"Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Epistle

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my

imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last

worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

The Apostles’ Creed

Let It Be Jesus

by Chris Tomlin, Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

**Let it be Jesus The first name that I call
Let it be Jesus My song inside the storm
I'll never need another**

**Chorus
For me to live is Christ For me to live is Christ
God I breathe Your name above ev'rything
Let it be let it be Jesus (Let it be let it be (my) Jesus)**

**Let it be Jesus From the rising of the sun
Let it be Jesus When all is said and done
I'll never need another Jesus there's no other**

**Bridge
Should I ever be abandoned Should I ever be acclaimed
Should I ever be surrounded By the fire and the flame
There's a name I will remember There's a name I will proclaim
Let it be let it be my Jesus Let it be let it be my Jesus
Let it be let it be Chorus**

Sermon

Only Jesus

by Bernie Herms, Mark Hall, Matthew West

Make it count leave a mark build a name for yourself
Dream your dreams chase your heart above all else
Make a name the world remembers
But all an empty world can sell is empty dreams
I got lost in the light when it was up to me
To make a name the world remembers
But Jesus is the only name to remember

Chorus

**And I I don't want to leave a legacy
I don't care if they remember me Only Jesus
And I I've only got one life to live
I'll let every second point to Him Only Jesus**

**All the kingdoms built all the trophies won
Will crumble into dust when it's said and done
Cause all that really matters Did I live the truth to the ones I love
Was my life the proof that there is only One
Whose name will last forever Chorus**

Bridge

Jesus is the only name Jesus is the only name
Jesus is the only name to remember (Repeat) Chorus

Ending

**I I don't want to leave a legacy
I don't care if they remember me Only Jesus**

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

The Blessing

We Are by Chuck Butler, Ed Cash, Hillary McBride, James Tealy

**Ev'ry secret ev'ry shame Ev'ry fear ev'ry pain
Live inside the dark But that's not who we are
We are children of the day**

Pre-Chorus

**So wake up sleeper lift your head We were meant for more than this
Fight the shadows conquer death Make the most of the time we have left**

Chorus

**We are the light of the world We are the city on a hill
We are the light of the world And we gotta we gotta we gotta
Let the light shine (Repeat)**

Interlude

Let the light shine Let the light shine ooh

**We are called to spread the news To tell the world the simple truth
Jesus came to save there's freedom in His name
So let His love break through
Chorus**

Bridge

**We are the light we are the light we are the light
So let Your light shine brighter
We are the light we are the light we are the light
Jesus You are the light You are the light
You are the light
We will lift You high and shine shine shine Chorus**

Worship Leaders:	Pastor Chris A. Spelbring, Proclaiming Pastor Pastor Brian E. Downs, Presiding Pastor
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