



**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2020
9:30 a.m.**

As We Gather

Happiness and contentment are hard to find. Even with our abundance of possessions and opportunity, our hearts remain restless for things new and different, for the promise of something better. Paul reminds us that contentment does not come from having everything we desire, but with faith in the Lord, who is gracious and merciful and supplies all our needs. Today, we hear the terrible news of John the Baptist's martyrdom and a crowd restless with hunger. In the midst of it all, Jesus shows forth grace to rest our fears and satisfy us with all we need. We pray that we learn to trust in the Lord and to find contentment and peace in His grace sufficient for all things.

Forever

by Chris Tomlin

**Give thanks to the Lord our God and King:
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things;
His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.
With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
His love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn;
His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, Sing praise.**

Chorus:

**Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us forever. (Repeat) Forever.
From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on;
His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, Sing praise. Chorus.**

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Sentences

Ps. 105:39-43; antiphon: Ps. 105:1

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
 make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: **He spread a cloud for a covering,
 and fire to give light by night.**

Pastor: They asked, and he brought quail,
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

People: **He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.**

Pastor: For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.

People: **So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.**

People: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

O Come To The Altar by Steven Furtick, Chris Brown, Wade Joye, and Mack Brock

**Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well Jesus is calling**

Chorus

**O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

**Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born Jesus is calling**

Bridge

**Oh what a Savior Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all Sing alleluia Christ is risen (repeat)**

Chorus

**O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ (repeat)**

**Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found**

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Old Testament

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

Epistle

Hebrews 12:1-3

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Apostles' Creed

Sons and Daughters

by Brett Stanfill

**Before He spoke creation The God of Heaven knew our names
Formed in His reflection We are His glory on display**

Pre-Chorus

**And His heart is good He is always kind
With a cross He proved He is on my side**

Chorus

**We are the sons we are the daughters of God
No matter where we go
We're close to the Father's heart
And though we stumble He will not let us fall
We are the Lord's and He will never forsake His own
We are the sons we are the daughters of God**

**His love He lavished on us And called us children of the King
And in His loving kindness He chose the lowly and the weak
Prechorus/Chorus**

Bridge

**When the lies speak louder than the truth
Remind me I belong to You
When I can't see past the dark of night
Remind me You're always by my side
(You're by my side) Chorus**

Sermon

Living Waters by Keith and Kristyn Getty

**Are you thirsty Are you empty Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken Peace unspoken Rest beside these living waters**

**Christ is calling Find refreshing At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down All the old gone Rise up in these living waters**

Chorus

There's a river that flows With mercy and love

Bringing joy to the city of our God

There our hope is secure

Do not fear anymore Praise the Lord of living waters

Spirit moving Mercy washing Healing in these living waters

Lead your children To the shoreline Life is in these living waters

Chorus

**Are you thirsty Are you empty Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness Vast and boundless Christ He is our living waters
Chorus**

Ending

**There our hope is secure Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters**

Lift Our Hearts in Prayer

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

Graduate Blanket Blessing

Congregation and Parents:

We bless you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. May the blankets you receive remind you of your parents' love, the warmth of this faith community, and the power of the Holy Spirit. And on those nights when we cannot wrap you in our arms, may you wrap yourself in this blanket and know that in God's family you are never alone.

All The People Said Amen

by Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan and Paul Moak

**You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need**

Chorus

**And all the people said amen whoa And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen**

**If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall And He so loved the world
He sent His Son to save us all Chorus**

(Bridge)

**Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God Chorus**

Worship Leaders: Pastor Brian E. Downs, Proclaiming Pastor

Pastor Chris A. Spelbring, Presiding Pastor

Praise Team: Vocals: Kate Peters, Luke Mandeville

Band: Jake Meyer, acoustic; Justin Tayon, bass; Chris Baron, set; Dawn Tayon, keys

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