



**TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 15, 2021
9:00 AM**

New Song

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

SONGS OF WORSHIP

This Beating Heart

Redman

Something inside of me
Knows there is surely more than this,
Echoes of eternity all around us.
There's music within my soul,
More than these flesh and bones I know
Whispers of a destiny deep inside us.

Chorus

This beating heart,
Like a drum it will beat for you;
This heart like a drum, it will beat.
My soul, my soul sings for you.

This beating heart;
I was made, I was made for you.
My God, evermore, evermore;
My soul, my soul sings for you.

We're marked by your fingerprints;
There's evidence running through these veins
That we are a masterpiece with a Maker.

Formed in the secret place,
A mystery born of love and grace,
You had a name for me and a purpose. **(Chorus)**

Bridge

My life be on your altar, God;
My every breath exalting you;
My life be on your altar, God.
This heart like a drum, beating strong for you! **(Chorus)**

Ending

Sing my soul, sing my soul!
My soul sings for you!

Verse

Your love is like radiant diamonds
 Bursting inside us—we cannot contain;
 Your love will surely come find us
 Like blazing wild fires singing your name!

Chorus

God of mercy, sweet love of mine,
 I have surrendered to your design.
 May this offering stretch across the skies,
 These hallelujahs be multiplied.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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When we have fashioned idols of our own desire
 or worshiped the temples of our own tradition,
Lord, have mercy.

(moment of silence)

When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice,
 or failed to extend the invitation to others,
Christ, have mercy.

(moment of silence)

When we have clothed ourselves with worry rather than joy—
 or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near,
Lord, have mercy.

(moment of silence)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**THE PEACE OF CHRIST****CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**SCRIPTURE READING**

Philippians 4:1-9

SERMON

"Think on This"

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SONG OF RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
 Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
 Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
 High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Steven Phillips

SONG

Cast My Cares

Timmons

Verse 1

In the middle of the night when worry finds me,
In the middle of the fight when strength is gone,
In the middle of a fire when fear is closing in,
You are, you are my song; you're my hope when hope is gone.

Chorus

I will cast my cares on you, the Almighty,
I will cast my cares on you 'cause you're good.
I will case my cares on you 'cause you love me, you love me—
Oh, oh, oh, because you love me!

Bridge (2 times)

God of glory, you are able, through your power to be faithful.
God of mercy, every moment, you are near to me. **(Chorus)**

Verse 2

In the middle of the night, I'll pray with confidence;
In the middle of a fight, you're greater still;
In the middle of a fire, your love is holding me.
You are, you are my song; you're my hope when hope is gone.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Steven Phillips

SENDING SONG

Here and Now

E. Kirkland

Chorus

Let Your mercy rise,
Let Your hope resound!
Let Your love in our hearts be found,
Let Your grace run free!
Let Your Name bring peace,
Heaven come in the here and now!

Verse 1

We want to be a church where freedom reigns;
We want to be a people full of grace.
We want to be a shelter where the broken find their place.
We want to be a refuge for the weak;
We want to be a light for the world to see.
We want to be a love that breaks the walls and fills the streets!

Pre-Chorus

All are welcome here as we are, as we are;
For our God is near every heart. **(Chorus)**

Verse 2

We want to be a door that's open wide;
We want to see compassion come to life;
We want to carry truth that shines a beacon in the night;
We want to see the city fill with hope;
We want to bring peace to the troubled soul;
We want to tell the story of a God that we can know!

Pre-Chorus

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For our God is near every heart.

Chorus

Let Your mercy rise,
Let Your hope resound!
Let Your love in our hearts be found,
Let Your grace run free!
Let Your Name bring peace,
Heaven come in the here and now!

Bridge

So let justice roll like a river wild
And let mercy grow like a burning fire;
Let it come in the here and now.
Your kingdom come till it rules the earth,
And Your will be done all around the world.
Let it come in the here and now!

All are welcome here!

(Pre-Chorus, Chorus, Bridge)

BENEDICTION

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Today's Prayer of Confession is adapted from Standing in the Gap, written by Rev. Dr. Bob Gross, OCC, pastor at Lake Avenue United Church of Christ, Elyria, OH and posted on the United Church of Christ website.

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