FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

9:00 AM

New Song

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Margaret LaMotte Torrence

SONG OF WORSHIP *10,000 Reasons* Jonas Myrin I Redman

Chorus
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.
Worship your holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul!
I'll worship your holy name

Verse 1
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)**

Verse 2
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)**

Verse 3
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)**

Tag
I'll worship your holy name.
Lord, I'll worship your holy name.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION Steven Phillips

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

SONG OF WORSHIP *Can't Stop Your Love* Ben Cantelon | Jason Ingram | Nick Herbert

Verse 1

The struggles that I face, the choices I have made
Can't stop your love for me, can't stop your love.
The darkness of the night, the scars I try to hide
Can't stop your love for me, can't stop your love.

Chorus

Where can I go, where can I go
From your presence?
In your light I am known.
I'm surrounded, I will not walk alone, oh.

Where can I go, where can I go
From your presence?
In your light I am known.
I'm surrounded, I will not walk alone.

Verse 2

Whatever lies ahead, you're with me every step,
Can't stop your r love for me, can't stop your love.
It's true with every breath, it's true that even death
Can't stop your love for me, can't stop your love. **(Chorus)**

Bridge (2 times)

No mountain is too high, no ocean is too wide,
Can't stop your love.
No power is too great, you overcame the grave,
Can't stop your love.

Can't stop your love! Can't stop your love!

(Chorus)

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THE PEACE OF CHRIST Steven Phillips

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Margaret LaMotte Torrence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING *Philippians 4:1-9*

SERMON *"Think on This"* Margaret LaMotte Torrence

SONG OF RESPONSE *In the Singing*

Verse 1

In the singing, in the silence,
In the hands expectant, open,
In the blessing in the breaking,
In the presence at this table.

Chorus
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Verse 2
In the question, in the answer,
In the moment of acceptance,
In the heart's cry, in the healing,
In the circle of your people. **(Chorus)**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The bread of God that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world—
that bread is to be found at this table—and in the company of God's people.
If you are looking for Jesus, draw close.
We come, at his invitation.

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Author of life,
In every chapter of your people's story
You blessed us that we might be a blessing.
You asked us to tend your world.

And every time we wandered from your way,
you sent prophets and poets and priests
to remind us of our holy charge.
When still we would not listen, your mercy took flesh.
You came to dwell among us in fearless love.

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the fullness of time, your fierce and tender love took flesh.
You did not come in wrath, but as the Holy One among us.
You bent down to us. You healed us, and fed us—
until the scandal of your love was more than we could bear
and we handed you over, not knowing what we did.

Breath of Life,
move now in this place; make known your power in this simple meal.
As we taste the bread and lift the cup, grant us courage.

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

We pray as he taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Faithful God,
You have fed us at your table and bound us to each other.
Now send us into the world to spend and share the grace we have tasted.

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Steven Phillips

SENDING SONG *Kingdom Come* Ben Fielding

Verse 1

Your love reaches out to us.
Your grace has drawn our hearts to you,
Drawn our hearts to you.
Your love grows inside of us.
Your word is life to all who hear,
Life to all who hear.

We run to you, run to you.

Chorus

Let your kingdom come, let your will be done.
You make all things new, all things new.
Let your healing flow as your people pray.
All the earth will say: Love has come!

Verse 2

In you, death is overcome.
No power can stand against your Name.
The power of your Name.
In faith we will rise to be
Your hands and feet to all the earth.
Life to all the earth.

We run to you, run to you. **(Chorus)**

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BENEDICTION Margaret LaMotte Torrence

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.

We are grateful for the vocal talents of Matt Jarvis and elder Carrie Mills, both of whom teach at Booker Middle School in choral music and drama respectively.

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