Worship Leader Edition
Book of ACTS Series
"Converse"

November 15, 2026 10:00 AM

GATHERING

Turn on Narthex speakers, keep on throughout worship.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME *by Jubilee*

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

GATHERING SONG "The First and The Last" *J. Houston, R. Morgan/D. Galbraith*

Verse 1
You are the First and the Last
Beginning and the End
The promise of wonders to come
The future is in Your hands
Caught in the light
With all the earth we will sing

Verse 2
You are the author of love
Our freedom is in Your Name
Embracing the cross meant for us
And brought us to life again
Caught in the love with all we are
Let us sing

Chorus 1
God our hope and our salvation
Worthy of all the praise
Be our light everlasting
Great is Your Name
Jesus the First and the Last

Verse 3
Show us the way of Your love
Lead us toward the truth
Stir up the fire in us
To live out this life for You
Caught in Your Name
Jesus forever we'll sing

Chorus 1

Bridge
Every heart, every nation
will hear the sound
As Your light breaks
through the darkness
And Your Name rings out
Every distant horizon
will meet as one

Singing holy is Your name
We sing holy is Your Name

Chorus 2
God our hope and our salvation
Worthy of all the praise
Be our light everlasting
Great is Your Name

Chorus

OPENING SONG "What A Friend" *Maher; Hein; Palmer; Parker/Kerr; Galbraith*

Verse 1
Everybody has trials and temptations
Everybody knows heart break, isolation
But we can lay our burdens down
Lay our burdens down

Chorus 1
What a friend we have in Jesus
East to west my sins are gone
I see grace on every horizon
And forever and ever
His heart is my home

Verse 2
Everybody has fears
Everybody got worries
Everybody knows sorrow, devastation
But we can lay our burdens down
Lay our burdens down

Chorus 1

Bridge 1
No more betrayal for He is faithful
He fills me up

And my cup runneth over
No more betrayal for He is faithful
How He has proven it over and over

Bridge 2
No more betrayal for He is faithful
He fills me up
And my cup runneth over
No more betrayal for He is faithful
How He has proven it over and over

Chorus 1

Chorus 2
What a friend we have in Jesus
East to west my sins are gone
I see grace on every horizon
And forever and ever
His heart is my home

Ending
Forever and ever
His heart is my home

PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center} (Mollee Erickson)*

L: Gracious God, we come to seek you, and we thank you that you are not far from any of us. In you we live and move and have our being. Quiet our hearts and open our eyes to see you and our ears to hear you. Help us live our lives as joyful praise to you. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center} (Mollee Erickson)*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome one another. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat.

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *{On Floor Pulpit Side} (Andrea)*

FIRST READING *{Lectern} (Adam Roberts)* Acts 17:22-34

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, "We will hear you again about this." At that point Paul left them. But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Please stand as you are able.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

THE HOLY GOSPEL *(Rob)* John 4:19-26

The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him

must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

MESSAGE Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

ASSISTANT SAY "PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE"

THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} *(Mollee Erickson)* ***Screen***

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ASSISTANT SAY: "PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE PRAYERS"

THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} (*Mollee Erickson)* ***Screen***

After each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *(Rob)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Front Center} (Rob)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(Rob)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Rob)* ***Screen***

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come: your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE ***Screen***

L: During this time of reflection and response, please fill out your welcome card with any prayer request and use this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered, collection plates are in the front and back. To give electronically, a QR code is in the bulletin. For those on-line please go to our website **stlukesbloomington.org.** A link is at the bottom of every page. Email prayers to **office@stlukesbloomington.org.** Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION MUSIC "Because He Lives (Amen)" *Matt Maher/Joel Mott*

St. Luke's Choir

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *(Rob)*

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Rob)*

L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE + MINISTRIES *(Rob)*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS *(Rob)*

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

BENEDICTION *{Front Center} (Rob)*

L: May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG "Everlasting God" *B. Brown; K. Riley/D. Galbraith*

Verse 1
Strength will rise as we
wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we
wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-chorus
Our God
You reign forever
Our Hope
Our strong Deliverer

Chorus 1
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender
of the weak

You comfort those in need
You lift us up
on wings like eagles

Verse 1

Pre-Chorus

Chorus 1

Chorus 2
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
The everlasting God
The everlasting

Chorus 2

Tag
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Tag

DISMISSAL *{Back} (Choir)*

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Given Today:

Carol Larson

In memory of my parents and Merlin's parent's anniversary!