



*THE ONLY ONE QUALIFIED TO
THROW A STONE, DIDN'T.*



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Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

Bless Be the Tie that Binds

Van Thompson

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness ^(1 John 1:8-9). Let us praise God for the Saving Grace found in Christ Jesus.

* Opening Prayer

* Opening Song *Love divine, all loves excelling* (vv. 1-2, 4) # 592

- 1) Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2) Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

- 4) Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Congregational Prayer

#890 Voices Together

Leader: Let us all confess our sin in the presence of God
and one another.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive
to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we
were dead in sin, and made us alive together with
Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name
of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty
God strengthen us with power through the Holy
Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through
faith. Amen.

Song

Lord, I Need You

#155 Voices Together

Verse

TEACH MY SONG Irregular

E A2 E B/D# C#m7 Bsus

1 Lord, I come, I con - fess. Bow-ing here, I find my
 (2 Where sin runs) deep, your grace is more. Where grace is found is where you

A2 E A2 E Bsus

rest. And with - out you, I fall a - part. You're the one
 are. And where you are, Lord, I am free. Ho - li - ness

B A2

Refrain

E A E B/D#

that guides my heart. Lord, I need you, oh, I need you.
 is Christ in me.

C#m7 A E B E/G# A E/B A/C#

Ev - ry hour I need you. My one de-fense, my right-eous-ness; O

E/B B E

1 A2 Fine

2 E

God, how I need you. 2 Where sin runs So,

Bridge

A E/G# Bsus C#m7 A B

teach my song to rise to you when temp-ta-tion comes my

A2 A E/G# Bsus C#m7

way. And when I can-not stand, I'll fall on you.

A2 Bsus E A E/G#

Je-sus, you're my hope and stay. And when I can-not stand, I'll

Bsus C#m7 A2 Bsus E A/E To refrain

fall on you. Je-sus, you're my hope and stay. Lord, I

Time with Our Children

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

Tithe.ly, adapted

So, who made a few New Year's resolutions? Anyone broken one yet? Yeah, it happens ... We all know the gyms will be packed for the next month or so, then back to normal. There's nothing wrong with making resolutions at the start of a new year. In fact, a new year is a great time to evaluate how we spend our time, energy, and finances. Are we investing each wisely ... into people and efforts that will last beyond our lives? Making changes in this area will look different for everyone. It may involve spending a bit less time at work and more time with your children. It could mean starting a new business or volunteering once a month. Perhaps it means being more consistent in how often and how much you tithe. You can hit the reset button -- today's an opportunity to prepare your tithes and offerings and start over.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

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Scripture Lesson

John 8:2-11 (*NRSV*)

² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, ⁴ they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. ⁵ Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶ They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

⁸ And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ She said, “No one, sir.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”

Song

There's a Wideness in God's mercy (w. 1-2, 4-5)

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- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
- 2 There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Savior,
there is healing in his blood.
- 4 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
- 5 If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word,
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

Sermon

“Moral Grandstanding”

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*** Closing Hymn**

I know not why God's wondrous (w. 1-3)

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- 1) I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me he hath made known,

nor why, with mercy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

Refrain:

*But "I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day."*

- 2) I know not how this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his word
wrought peace within my heart. *[Refrain]*
- 3) I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word,
creating faith in him. *[Refrain]*

*** Benediction** (in unison)

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be yours now and forevermore.

Postlude

Voice of Praise

Allen James

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