



Getting  
What We  
*Don't*  
Deserve



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## Welcome

## Prelude

### *Holy Ground*

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## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Opening Words

<http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocC/C47sun18.htm>

One: If you wish to be raised up with Christ, then seek the high ground where Christ is found.

Many: **O give thanks to God who is so good, whose love goes on forever!**

One: Let the redeemed all say so together, those who have been liberated and gathered in from many lands.

Many: **From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south,**

One: We seek the high ground where Christ is found.

Many: **O give thanks to God who is so good, whose love goes on forever!**

### \* Opening Prayer

Faithful and Loving God, you have continued to love your people despite our faithlessness to you. Receive our thanks for never giving up on us.

### \* Opening Song

*A Wonderful Savior is Jesus*

#626 VT

Verse 1:

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,

a wonderful Savior to me.  
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,  
where rivers of pleasure I see.

*Refrain:*

*He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock  
that shadows a dry, thirsty land.  
He hideth my life in the depths of his love,  
and covers me there with his hand,  
and covers me there with his hand.*

Verse 2:

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord;  
he taketh my burden away.  
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved;  
he giveth me strength as my day. *Refrain*

Verse 3:

With numberless blessings each moment he crowns,  
and filled with his fullness divine,  
I sing in my rapture, "Oh, glory to God  
for such a Redeemer as mine!" *Refrain*

Verse 4:

When clothed in his brightness, transported I rise  
to meet him in clouds of the sky,  
his perfect salvation, his wonderful love,  
I'll shout with the millions on high. *Refrain*

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

### **CROP Hunger Walk Moment**

**Song** *We Will Walk with God* #815 VT

We will walk with God, wo wo wo, we will walk with God.  
We will walk with God, wo wo wo, we will walk with God.  
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.  
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

*Sizohamba naye, wo wo wo, sizohamba naye.*  
*Sizohamba naye, wo wo wo, sizohamba naye.*  
*Ngomhla wenjabula sizohamba naye.*  
*Ngomhla wenjabula sizohamba naye.*

## **Children's Time** (children over 5, can go to Children's Church)

### **Song**

*Jesus Loves Me*

#516 VT

#### Verse 1:

Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

#### *Refrain:*

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

#### Verse 2:

Jesus loves me! this I know, As He loved so long ago,  
Taking children on His knee, Saying, "Let them come to Me."

#### *Refrain*

#### Verse 3:

Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me on my way.  
He's prepared a home for me, And someday His face I'll see."

#### *Refrain*

## **Reading from the Psalms**

Psalm 107:1-9 NRSV

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble <sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; <sup>5</sup> hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. <sup>6</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; <sup>7</sup> he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. <sup>8</sup> Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. <sup>9</sup> For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

# Congregational Prayer

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

### Thoughts on Giving

2 Corinthians 9:5 NLT

So I thought I should send these brothers ahead of me to make sure the gift you promised is ready. But I want it to be a willing gift, not one given grudgingly.

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

### Song

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

#743 VT

#### Verse 1:

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

#### Verse 2:

I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

#### Verse 3:

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

#### Verse 4:

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

#### Verse 5:

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

### Scripture Lesson

Hosea 11:1-9 NLT

11 "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and I called my son out of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>But the more I called to him, the farther he moved from me, offering sacrifices to the images of Baal and burning incense to idols. <sup>3</sup>I myself taught Israel how to walk, leading him along by the hand. But he doesn't know or even

care that it was I who took care of him. <sup>4</sup> I led Israel along with my ropes of kindness and love. I lifted the yoke from his neck, and I myself stooped to feed him.

<sup>5</sup> “But since my people refuse to return to me, they will return to Egypt and will be forced to serve Assyria. <sup>6</sup> War will swirl through their cities; their enemies will crash through their gates. They will destroy them, trapping them in their own evil plans. <sup>7</sup> For my people are determined to desert me. They call me the Most High, but they don’t truly honor me. <sup>8</sup> “Oh, how can I give you up, Israel? How can I let you go? How can I destroy you like Admah or demolish you like Zeboiim? My heart is torn within me, and my compassion overflows. <sup>9</sup> No, I will not unleash my fierce anger. I will not completely destroy Israel, for I am God and not a mere mortal. I am the Holy One living among you, and I will not come to destroy.

**Sermon**

“Getting What We Don’t Deserve”

## GO IN GOD’S NAME

\* **Song**

*I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

#528 HWB

Verse 1:

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,  
and wonder how He could love me, a sinner condemned, unclean.

*Refrain*

*How marvelous! How wonderful! and my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful! is my Savior’s love for me!*

Verse 2

For me it was in the garden, he prayed: “Not my will, but Thine.”  
He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat-drops of blood for mine.

*Refrain*

Verse 3

He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calv’ry, and suffered, and died alone.

*Refrain*

Verse 4

When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see,  
'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

*Refrain*

\* **Benediction** (in unison)

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

**Postlude**

*Sweet Sweet Spirit*

Doris Akers

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