



**"You CAN Get
There From Here"**



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Welcome

Prelude

Holy Ground

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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* **Call to Worship** (One/People)

Ephesians 3:20-21 CEB

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask
or imagine by his power at work within us
**glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations,
forever and always. Amen**

* **Opening Song**

To God Be the Glory

#84 ^{VT}

Verse 1:

To God be the glory, great things he hath done:
so loved he the world that he gave us his son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.*

Verse 2:

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

to ev'ry believer the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Verse 3:

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Children's Time

Reading from Proverbs

Proverbs 4:25-27 CEB

²⁵ Focus your eyes straight ahead; keep your gaze on what is in front of you. ²⁶ Watch your feet on the way, and all your paths will be secure. ²⁷ Don't deviate a bit to the right or the left; turn your feet away from evil

Pastoral Prayer

Song

Your Love Is Washing Over Me

#166 ^{VT}

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Verse 1:

Your love is washing over me,
Your love is washing over me.
Your love is washing over me,
and I won't be frightened any more.

Verse 2:

Your mercy's washing over me,

Your mercy's washing over me.
Your mercy's washing over me,
and I won't be frightened any more.

Verse 3:

Your peace is washing over me,
Your peace is washing over me.
Your peace is washing over me,
and I won't be frightened any more.

Verse 4:

Your joy is washing over me,
Your joy is washing over me.
Your joy is washing over me,
and I won't be frightened any more.

Verse 5:

Your grace is washing over me,
Your grace is washing over me.
Your grace is washing over me,
and I won't be frightened any more.

Verse 6:

Your hope is washing over me,
Your hope is washing over me.
Your hope is washing over me,
and I won't be frightened any more.

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Stewardship Moment

Kathy Hau Eisen

With the miracle of the loaves and fishes, God took very little and multiplied it to meet the needs of all the people.

Jesus prayed for and miraculously multiplied the small gift of a young boy's generosity. Not only were the people following him satisfied but there were 12 baskets of surplus. Jesus took

what little they had and made sure it was enough for everybody.

God invites us to participate in the revealing and unveiling of grace in its many forms. This week, encourage people to develop eyes to see and ears to hear God's presence and expressions of love through God's people. **God can take little things in our lives, things that seem relatively insignificant, and multiply their impact beyond what we could have imagined.**

In what "little" ways is God asking us as individuals and as a faith community to help reveal grace to others? What has been placed in our care to pass onto others, small as it might be?

Little is always much in the hands of Christ.

Prayer of Offering

#1015 ^{VT}

Generous God, you gave us life; now we give our lives back to you. We present ourselves: our work and play, our joys and sorrows, our thoughts and deeds, our gifts and resources, to be used by you for the sake of all people everywhere, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Special Music

The Answer

Corinne May

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 7:13-14 NRSVUE

The Narrow Gate

¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Song

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Michael O'Shields

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I will call upon the Lord ^(echo)
Who is worthy to be praise ^(echo)
So shall I be saved from mine enemies ^(echo)

The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock
and may the God of my salvation by exalted.
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and may the God of my salvation by exalted.

Sermon

“You CAN Get There from Here”

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Song

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

#131 ^{VT}

Verse 1:

Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon cœur,
je raconterai toutes tes merveilles,
je chanterai ton nom.
Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon cœur,
je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie. Alléluia!

Verse 1:

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.
Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Verse 2:

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Verse 3:

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.
Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Jesus Christ is the Way

Corinne May

** Please stand as able and led*



Our thanks to all who have helped to prepare and
lead this morning's worship service, including:

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