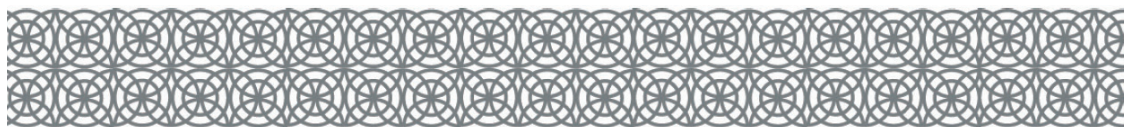




SUNDAY EVENING
Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

Lord's Day Vespers

EVENING WORSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.

EVENING VESPER MEDITATION

Almighty God, we give You thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of vesper light; and we implore You in Your great mercy that, as You enfold us with the radiance of Your light, so You would shine into our hearts the brightness of Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by Your brightness we may know You to be the true God and Eternal Light, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.



Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 136:3-4

Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His steadfast love endures forever;
to Him who alone does great wonders, for His steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn

My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

(see page 6)

Evening Prayer

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we glorify You.
 We bless You for the kindly fruits of the earth, which You have given for our use.
 Teach us, we beseech You, to remember
 that it is not by bread alone that man shall live,
 and grant us evermore to feed on Him who is the true Bread from Heaven,
 even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory, world without end, Amen.

Prayer Response

The Lord Our God Is Good

Psalm Reading

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
 Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, He is God!

It is He who made us, and we are His;

we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
 and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

For the LORD is good;

His steadfast love endures forever,

and His faithfulness to all generations.

Hymns

God's Unchanging Hand

(see page 7)

Come Unto Jesus

(see page 8)

All I Have Is Christ

(see page 9)

At the last stanza of "All I Have Is Christ," children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Evening Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:11-32
pew Bible, page 1112

¹¹ And He said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!' ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Homily

BRING IT ON HOME TO ME

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Parables of Jesus, Part XI

Luke 15:11-32

Prayer

Benediction

Congregational Response

Turn Your Eyes

**Turn your eyes to the heavens,
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout
“All glory to Jesus alone!”**

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.**



Sermon Notes

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my pain,
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be - side,
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a - bove,

who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain,
who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es fears to fly,
whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love,

who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in his light,
whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take,
for ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King.

and wrote his law of righ - teous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low him.

WORDS: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2006
MUSIC: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2006; arr. Mark Rice

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God's Unchanging Hand



1. Time is filled with swift trans - i - tion, naught of earth un-moved shall stand.
2. Trust in Him who will not leave you, what - so - ev - er years may bring.
3. Co - vet not this world's vain ri - ches, that so ra - pid - ly de - cay.



Build your hopes on things e - ter - nal, hold to God's un-chang-ing hand.
If by earth - ly friends for - sa - ken, still more close - ly to Him cling.
Seek to gain the heav - 'nly trea - sures, they will ne - ver pass a - way.



Hold to His hand, God's un-chang-ing hand, hold to His hand, God's un-chang-ing hand.



Build your hopes on things et - er - nal, hold to God's un-chang-ing hand.

Come Unto Jesus



1. Come un - to Je - sus, all you who are wear - y; come to the mer - cy seat,
 2. Joy of the com - fort - less, light for the stray - ing, hope of the pen - i - tent,
 3. Come taste the Bread of Life, bro - ken for sin - ners; drink from the cup of His
 4. Come now and fol - low Him, this life for - sak - ing. All that was gain, count as



fer - vent - ly kneel. Here, bring your wound - ed hearts, bro - ken and need - y;
 peace in our strife; here speaks the Com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 pro - mise made sure. Feast at His ta - ble as sons and as daugh - ters;
 noth - ing but loss. Trade all this world for His King - dom un - fad - ing.



come un - to Je - sus, — might - y to heal. (go to verse 2)
 "My yoke is eas - y, My bur - den is light." Come un - to
 grace o - ver - flow - ing is yours ev - er - more. Come un - to
 Come un - to Je - sus, — take up your cross. (to next line)
 Life ev - er - last - ing He of - fers to us. Come un - to



Je - sus, come un - to Je - sus. Lay down your bur - dens,



He is e - nough. Come un - to Je - sus; rest in His love.

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All I Have is Christ

Words and Music by
Jordan Kauflin



1. I once was lost in dark - est night yet thought I knew the
2. But as I ran my hell - bound race, in - diff - 'rent to the
3. Now Lord I would be Yours a - lone and live so all might



way; the sin that pro - mised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no
cost, You looked u - pon my help - less state and led me to the cross; and I be -
see the strength to fol - low Your com - mands could ne - ver come from me. O Fa - ther



hope that You would own a re - bel to Your will, and if You had not loved me
held God's love dis - played, You suf - fered in my place, You bore the wrath re - served for
use my ran - somed life in a - ny way You choose and let my song for - ev - er



first I would re - fuse you still. *(go to verse two)* Hal - le - lu - jah! All I have is
me, now all I know is grace!
be my on - ly boast is You.



Christ! Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is my life!

Making a Joyful Noise

Devotional Thoughts on Congregational Singing

*Let God speak directly to His people through the Scriptures,
and let His people respond with grateful songs of praise.*

–Martin Luther

Compelled to Sing

We are created to sing and, because of the gospel of the Lord Jesus, compelled to sing. Compelled is a strong and convicting word. In the letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes “For Christ’s love compels us” (2 Cor. 5:14-15). Our motivation to sing comes from so much more than ourselves – our likes, our comfort levels, our musical tastes and preferences. Intrinsically, it’s driven by the One Who died and was raised. It is driven by a heartfelt desire to convey gospel truth to those of us who already know it and need to be refreshed and renewed by it, and to communicate it to those who don’t yet know, but who might be drawn to Christ through seeing and hearing people who clearly mean it because of the way that they sing about it.

Praise is prompted by – compelled by - the revelation of something glorious. The gospel is the revelation of the most glorious truth in history. Jesus came so that we might know Him, the truth, for “the truth will set you free” (John 8:32). We were slaves to sin, but Christ died for our sins and rose to give us new life (John 8:36; Rom 5:8). The gospel is a declaration of eternal freedom. It is a revelation that compels us to respond, and part of our response will be to sing.

Christ has broken every chain of sin that was tied around us and that we couldn’t even see until He opened our eyes to see them. And we were not just freed **from** something, we were freed **for** something – to glorify Him, to live the life God designed us to live, to know life in all its forever fullness. We sing because we are free to run from all that tore us apart and to run to all that makes us whole.

Liberally taken from *Sing!, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church*, by Keith and Kristyn Getty, chapter 3, pp 21-25.



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*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



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