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Morning Song

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MORNING SONG WORSHIP

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Welcome & Announcements

Invitation to Worship

(Please Stand)

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
for by my side the Savior, He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven.
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus.
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
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Goodness of God

I love You, Lord.
For Your mercy never fails me.
All my days, I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus: And all my life You have been faithful.
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice.
You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father,
I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God. **(chorus)**

I will sing of the goodness of God.

Prayer of Confession

Faithful Father, we know that You are in control and that Your plans are better than ours. And yet, we often forget that. We make our own plans and place our trust in them. Please forgive us for our selfish and foolish ways. Through Your Holy Spirit, teach us to surrender our lives to You and to trust in Your ways. Help us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Strengthen us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and walk by faith in Him, the author and perfecter of our faith. It is in His name we pray. Amen.

Words of Grace

Song of Response

Control (Somehow You Want Me)

Here I am, all my intentions,
All my obsessions, I wanna lay them all down.
In Your hands, only Your love is vital, though I'm not entitled
Still You call me Your child.

Chorus: God, You don't need me, but somehow You want me.
Oh, how You love me, somehow that frees me
To take my hands off of my life and the way it should go.
God, You don't need me, but somehow You want me,
Oh, how You love me, somehow that frees me
To open my hands up and give You control.

I give You control.

I've had plans shattered and broken,
Things I have hoped in, fall through my hands.
You have plans to redeem and restore me.
You're behind and before me,
Lord, help me believe. **(chorus)**

You want me,
Somehow You want me,
The King of Heaven wants me,
So this world has lost its grip on me **(repeat) (chorus)**

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Somehow You want me,
The King of Heaven wants me,
So this world has lost its grip on me **(repeat)**

So this world has lost its grip on me.

Scripture Readings

(Please Sit)

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:
"If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.
²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

(Please Stand)

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Kids' Talk

(Please Sit)

Eric Oswald, DCE

Message

Finding Life in Jesus' Steps (from www.lhm.org)

Bob Baker

Offering

Bringing tithes and financial gifts to the Lord is an act of worship. These offerings help to accomplish ministry both here at Bethlehem and around the world. May God bless your response of faith.

Please join our members in signing the Red Friendship Register in your pew. Thank you!

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use ev'ry power as You choose.
Here am I, all of me. Take my life; it's all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own. It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord; I pour at Your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.
Here am I, all of me. Take my life; it's all for Thee.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

(Please Stand)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with his favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Praise

God is For Us

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night.
We will walk the valley, with You by our side.
You will go before us, You will lead the way.
We have found a refuge, only You can save.

Chorus: Sing with joy now, our God is for us.
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress,
Raise your voice now, no love is greater.
Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

Even when I stumble, even when I fall,
Even when I turn back still Your love is sure.
You will not abandon, You will not forsake.
You will cheer me on with never ending grace. **(chorus)**

Neither height nor depth can separate us.
Hell and death will not defeat us.
He who gave His Son to free us,
holds me in His love. **(repeat)**
(chorus 2 times)

Sending

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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