

Reflection

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform:
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour:
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own Interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

William Cowper
(1731-1800)

Call To Worship

We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Call to Worship

Psalms 34:3

O magnify the LORD with me.
Let us exalt God's name together!

**Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.**

**Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.**

**Our Sung Call to Worship
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

Chorus

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.**

**Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.**

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (Chorus)

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
(Chorus)

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.
(Chorus)

Ending

Worship your holy name,
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

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Confession

We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Confession

Psalm 139:23-24, Worship Sourcebook

When we gather to praise God,
we remember that we are people
who have preferred our wills to his.
Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me and
lead me in the way everlasting.
We express our longing for God's leading
by our own transparent confession.**

Time of silent confession.

Our Sung Confession

Jesus Paid It All (Distribution Song)

Verse 1

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all." (Chorus)

Chorus

Jesus paid it all,

**All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.**

Verse 2

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone. (Chorus)

Verse 3

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. (Chorus)

Verse 4

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat. (Chorus 2 X's)

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Assurance and Peace

We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Remember the Gospel

Worship Sourcebook

Lord Jesus, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may hear the Word with joy.

Lord Jesus, you have done what we could not do:

**By suffering in our place,
you have set us free from sin.**

**By rising from the dead,
you have given us purpose and hope.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Our Sung Profession of Assurance Good and Gracious King

Verse 1

I approach the throne of glory,
Nothing in my hands I bring
But the promise of acceptance,
From a good and gracious King.

Verse 2

I will give to you my burden
As you give to me your strength.
Come and fill me with Your Spirit
As I sing to you this praise. (Chorus)

Chorus

**You deserve the greater glory!
Overcome I lift my voice
To the King in need of nothing,
Empty handed I rejoice.
You deserve the greater glory!
Overcome with joy I sing!
By your love I am accepted.
You're a good and gracious King.**

Verse 3

O, what grace that you would see me
As your child and as your friend.
Safe, secure in you forever,
I pour out my praise again. (Chorus)

Bridge

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty!
Good and gracious, good and gracious!
Holy, Holy, Lord Almighty!
Good and gracious King! (2 X's)

(Chorus 2 X's)

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Thanksgiving and Petition

We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God

We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.

We Give Thanks by Giving

We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.

You may give electronically at gabcomes.org/giving/ or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 36:1-22

¹In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, King Sennacherib of Assyria attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. ²Then the king of Assyria sent his royal spokesman, along with a massive army, from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. The Assyrian stood near the conduit of the upper pool, by the road to Launderer's Field. ³Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was in charge of the palace, Shebna the court secretary, and Joah son of Asaph, the court historian, came out to him.

⁴The royal spokesman said to them, "Tell Hezekiah:

The great king, the king of Assyria, says this: What are you relying on? ⁵You think mere words are strategy and strength for war. Who are you now relying on that you have rebelled against me? ⁶Look, you are relying on Egypt, that splintered reed of a staff that will pierce the hand of anyone who grabs it and leans on it. This is how Pharaoh king of Egypt is to all who rely on him. ⁷Suppose you say to me, 'We rely on ^{the}LORD our God.' Isn't he the one whose high places and altars Hezekiah has removed, saying to Judah and Jerusalem, 'You are to worship at this altar'?

⁸"Now make a deal with my master, the king of Assyria. I'll give you two thousand horses if you're able to supply riders for them! ⁹How then can you drive back a single officer among the least of my master's servants? How can you rely on Egypt for chariots and horsemen? ¹⁰Have I attacked this land to destroy it without the LORD's approval? The LORD said to me, 'Attack this land and destroy it.'"

¹¹Then Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said to the royal spokesman, "Please speak to your servants in

Aramaic, since we understand it. Don't speak to us in Hebrew within earshot of the people who are on the wall."

¹² But the royal spokesman replied, "Has my master sent me to speak these words to your master and to you, and not to the men who are sitting on the wall, who are destined with you to eat their own excrement and drink their own urine?"

¹³ Then the royal spokesman stood and called out loudly in Hebrew: Listen to the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! ¹⁴ This is what the king says: "Don't let Hezekiah deceive you, for he cannot rescue you. ¹⁵ Don't let Hezekiah persuade you to rely on ^{the} LORD, saying, 'The LORD will certainly rescue us! This city will not be handed over to the king of Assyria.'"

¹⁶ Don't listen to Hezekiah, for this is what the king of Assyria says: "Make peace with me and surrender to me. Then every one of you may eat from his own vine and his own fig tree and drink water from his own cistern ¹⁷ until I come and take you away to a land like your own land—a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards. ¹⁸ Beware that Hezekiah does not mislead you by saying, 'The LORD will rescue us.' Has any one of the gods of the nations rescued his land from the power of the king of Assyria? ¹⁹ Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they rescued Samaria from my power? ²⁰ Who among all the gods of these lands ever rescued his land from my power? So will the LORD rescue Jerusalem from my power?"

²¹ But they kept silent; they didn't say anything, for the king's command was, "Don't answer him."

²² Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was in charge of the palace, Shebna the court secretary, and Joah son of Asaph, the court historian, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn and reported to him the words of the royal spokesman.

This is the word of the Lord.

**The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord endures forever.**

Sermon

Isaiah 36 & 37 – The King Over Your Crisis – Pastor Michael Felkins

Sermon Discipleship Questions

1. What encouraged you?
2. What convicted you?
3. Is there anything in your life that needs to change?

Sending

Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in spoken word.

Blessing

May the God of heaven and earth bless his people as we go out to do his will.

AMEN!