

Pre-service Song

The Lord is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me,
and pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground:
The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls,
His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of rising sun:
The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus:

Who is like the Lord our God?

Strong to save, faithful in love.

My debt is paid and the vict'ry won:

The Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord,
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come:
The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need,
when I know loss, when I am weak.
I know His grace will renew these days:
The Lord is my salvation. (Chorus)

And when I reach the final day,
He will not leave me in the grave.
But I will rise, He will call me home:
The Lord is my salvation. (Chorus)

Glory be to God, the Father,
glory be to God, the Son,
glory be to God, the Spirit;
The Lord is our salvation. (Repeat)

The Lord is our salvation, the Lord is our salvation.

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Call To Worship

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

Our Spoken Call to Worship

Psalms 95:1-7 (ESV)

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

**The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
**For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Our Sung Call to Worship

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands.
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless righteousness.
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of Glory and of Grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession

Psalm 130 (ESV)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
O Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

**But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.**

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
**my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
**And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.**

Time of silent confession.

Assurance and Peace

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

Remember the Gospel

Titus 3:3-7 (ESV)

Remember the Gospel!

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient,
led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures,
passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others
and hating one another.

**But when the goodness and loving kindness
of God our Savior appeared, he saved us,
not because of works done by us in righteousness,
but according to his own mercy,
by the washing of regeneration
and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
whom he poured out on us richly
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
so that being justified by his grace
we might become heirs
according to the hope of eternal life.**

Our Sung Profession of Assurance **Rock of Ages**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;

Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to the cross I cling.
Naked come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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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 gabcames.org/giving/ or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 18 (ESV)

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord, who addressed the words of this song to the Lord on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said:

¹I love you, O LORD, my strength.

²The LORD is my rock and my fortress
and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold.

³I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

⁴The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;

⁵the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.

⁷ Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled
and quaked, because he was angry.

⁸ Smoke went up from his nostrils,
and devouring fire from his mouth;
glowing coals flamed forth from him.

⁹ He bowed the heavens and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.

¹⁰ He rode on a cherub and flew;
he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.

¹¹ He made darkness his covering, his canopy
around him, thick clouds dark with water.

¹² Out of the brightness before him
hailstones and coals of fire broke through his
clouds.

¹³ The LORD also thundered in the heavens,
and the Most High uttered his voice,
hailstones and coals of fire.

¹⁴ And he sent out his arrows and scattered them;
he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.

¹⁵ Then the channels of the sea were seen,
and the foundations of the world were laid
bare at your rebuke, O LORD,
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

¹⁶ He sent from on high, he took me;
he drew me out of many waters.

¹⁷ He rescued me from my strong enemy
and from those who hated me,
for they were too mighty for me.

¹⁸ They confronted me in the day of my calamity,
but the LORD was my support.

¹⁹ He brought me out into a broad place;
he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

²⁰ The LORD dealt with me according to
my righteousness;
according to the cleanness of my hands
he rewarded me.

²¹ For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
and have not wickedly departed from my God.

²² For all his rules were before me,
and his statutes I did not put away from me.

²³ I was blameless before him,
and I kept myself from my guilt.

²⁴ So the LORD has rewarded me according to
my righteousness,
according to the cleanness of my hands in his
sight.

²⁵ With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
with the blameless man you show yourself
blameless;

²⁶ with the purified you show yourself pure;
and with the crooked you make yourself
seem tortuous.

²⁷ For you save a humble people,
but the haughty eyes you bring down.

²⁸ For it is you who light my lamp;
the LORD my God lightens my darkness.

²⁹ For by you I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
³⁰ This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
³¹ For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?—
³² the God who equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.
³³ He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.
³⁴ He trains my hands for war,
so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
³⁵ You have given me the shield of your salvation,
and your right hand supported me,
and your gentleness made me great.
³⁶ You gave a wide place for my steps under me,
and my feet did not slip.
³⁷ I pursued my enemies and overtook them,
and did not turn back till they were consumed.
³⁸ I thrust them through, so that they were not able
to rise; they fell under my feet.
³⁹ For you equipped me with strength for the battle;
you made those who rise against me sink under
me.
⁴⁰ You made my enemies turn their backs to me,
and those who hated me I destroyed.
⁴¹ They cried for help, but there was none to save;
they cried to the LORD, but he did not answer
them.
⁴² I beat them fine as dust before the wind;
I cast them out like the mire of the streets.
⁴³ You delivered me from strife with the people;
you made me the head of the nations;
people whom I had not known served me.
⁴⁴ As soon as they heard of me they obeyed me;
foreigners came cringing to me.
⁴⁵ Foreigners lost heart
and came trembling out of their fortresses.
⁴⁶ The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation—
⁴⁷ the God who gave me vengeance
and subdued peoples under me,
⁴⁸ who rescued me from my enemies;
yes, you exalted me above those who rose
against me;
you delivered me from the man of violence.
⁴⁹ For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the
nations, and sing to your name.
⁵⁰ Great salvation he brings to his king,
and shows steadfast love to his anointed,
to David and his offspring forever.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Psalm 18 – “Song of the Saved” – 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?

It is Well With My Soul (Distribution Song)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”
It is well, (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well, (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well, (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day, when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul!
It is well, (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sending

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

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Blessing
Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV)

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

Amen.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Psalm 19