

Pre-service Song

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So I find my rest in Jesus.
He who came to rescue me.
Jesus saved me from the darkness,
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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

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 onward 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)

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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession

2 Corinthians 6:16–7:1 (ESV)

Hear the Word of the Lord:

What agreement has the temple of God with idols?
For we are the temple of the living God;
as God said,

**“I will make my dwelling among them
and walk among them,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.
Therefore go out from their midst,
and be separate from them, says the Lord,**

**and touch no unclean thing;
then I will welcome you,
and I will be a father to you,
and you shall be sons and daughters to me,
says the Lord Almighty."**

Since we have these promises, beloved,
let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit,
bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

**Forgive our sins, Father,
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
and cleanse us from every impurity of the flesh and spirit
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Time of silent confession.

Our Sung Confession

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will; He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey. (Chorus)

Chorus

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.**

Ev'ry burden we bear, ev'ry sorrow we share,
All our toil He doth richly repay;
Even grief, pain, and loss, as we carry a cross,
Will be blessed as we trust and obey. (Chorus)

Be we never can prove, the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows and the joy He bestows
Are for them who will trust and obey. (Chorus)

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey. (Chorus)

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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

Colossians 1:13-14, 19-23 (ESV)

Remember the Gospel!

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness

and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind,
doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death,
in order to present you holy and
blameless and above reproach before him,

**if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast,
not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard,
which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven.**

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

Chorus

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast. (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last! (Chorus)

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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 gabcame.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 56 (ESV)

To the choirmaster: according to The Dove on Far-off Terebinths.

A Miktam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

¹Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me;
all day long an attacker oppresses me;

²my enemies trample on me all day long,
for many attack me proudly.

³When I am afraid,
I put my trust in you.

⁴In God, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can flesh do to me?

⁵All day long they injure my cause;
all their thoughts are against me for evil.

⁶They stir up strife, they lurk;
they watch my steps,
as they have waited for my life.

⁷For their crime will they escape?
In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!

⁸You have kept count of my tossings;
put my tears in your bottle.
Are they not in your book?

⁹Then my enemies will turn back
in the day when I call.
This I know, that God is for me.

¹⁰In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise,

¹¹in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?

¹²I must perform my vows to you, O God;
I will render thank offerings to you.

¹³For you have delivered my soul from death,
yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God
in the light of life.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Psalm 56 - The Nearness of God in Our Pain - 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 both song and spoken word.

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Blessing

Jude 24-25 (ESV)

Now to him who is able to keep you from
stumbling and to present you blameless
before the presence of his glory with great joy,
to the only God, our Savior,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,
before all time and now and forever.

Amen.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Psalm 57