



WE EXIST TO... GROW IN
CHRIST, LOVE LIKE CHRIST,
LIVE FOR CHRIST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THERE IS ONE GOSPEL

Verse 1

There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity.
It is my story, my Father's plan,
The Son has rescued me.
Oh, what a Gospel, oh what a peace.
My highest joy and my deepest need.
Now and forever, He is my light.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Verse 2

There is one Gospel to which I cling,
All else I count as loss.
For there, where justice and mercy meet,
He saved me on the cross.
No more I boast in what I can bring,
No more I carry the weight of sin.
For He has brought me from death to life.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Verse 3

There is one Gospel where hope is found,
The empty tomb still speaks.
For death could not keep my Savior down,
He lives and I am free.
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes,
My life is His and His hope is mine.
For He has promised I too will rise.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Verse 4

And in this Gospel, the church is one,
We do not walk alone.
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home.
And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me.
Praise to my Savior, the King of life.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ending

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Of this old story that rescued me.
Praise to my Savior, the King of life.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to my Savior, the King of life.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**SERMON: "WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW
JESUS" — LUKE 9:18-27**

COMMUNION

Apostles' 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 of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He arose again.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

THERE IS A REDEEMER
Hymns of Grace, 201

THE GOSPEL SONG

Holy God, in love, became
Perfect Man to bear my blame.
On the cross He took my sin.
By His death I live again.

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THE LORD IS BY MY SIDE

Verse 1

I know my Shepherd gives me peace.
The Lord is by my side.
For every day He walks with me.
The Lord is by my side.

Chorus

The Lord is by my side,
Forever by my side.
His hope, His strength, His peace is mine.
The Lord is by my side.

Verse 2

I know my Shepherd gives me strength.
The Lord is by my side.
For I am small and He is great.
The Lord is by my side.

Chorus

Verse 3
I know my Shepherd gives me hope.
The Lord is by my side.
For He will lead me safely home.
The Lord is by my side.

Chorus

Bridge
And when I look back, I will surely see
Your goodness and love, they have followed me.
For when I look back, I will surely see
My Shepherd has laid down His life for me.
(Repeat)

Chorus

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BENEDICTION

Feb 21: Foundations class: we would love to have you join us for a 10-week study of Philippians – morning class from 930–11 AM & evening class from 6–730 PM

Feb 25: Fellowship breakfast from 9–945 AM - please bring a dish to share

Special Members’ Meeting following the morning worship service

Mar 1: Thrive, for students in 5th–12th grade, meets at the home of Richard & Chrissy Burns in Nobleboro from 630–8 PM

Read Ahead: Luke 9:28–36 [Matt 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8]

General Info:

TVC Kids: We strive for family-friendly worship & want to encourage parents to keep their children in the sanctuary or East Hall for worship. To help families, backpacks filled with a note sheet, a coloring page, and snacks are available for children Pre-K – 5th grade. Note sheets are available for children in 5th – 8th grade. The backpacks will be handed out prior to the sermon.

We also offer Rooted which is a time of teaching & learning for children in grades K–4 that meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall classroom. The children who participate in Rooted will be dismissed by Pastor Phil prior to the sermon.

We also offer a volunteer staffed Nursery that meets in the Fellowship Hall during the sermon. We are thankful & appreciate the opportunity to serve you & your children.

We understand that children can get restless & squirmy, so if you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so; but please know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

Gospel Growth Communities (GGCs): GGCs are just one way you can purposefully & intentionally invest in your church family as we seek to grow in Christ, love like Christ & live for Christ. If you are interested in joining a GGC, please contact one of your elders. The Reed GGC meets Sunday evenings in Nobleboro. The Sorterup GGC meets Wednesday evenings in Damariscotta. The Holladay GGC meets Thursday evenings in Bristol.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God’s character)?

- 2. What has God done (how do I see God’s character in action)?
 - 3. Who am I (how does God’s character and action shape how I see myself)?
 - 4. What do I do (if I believe 1–3 how would I respond and relate to others)?
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Notes:

Elders: Breck Holladay, Phil Nicewonger, Jeff Norton & Grant Sorterup

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