

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

GATHERED ON APRIL 6, 2025

WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Hymns of Grace, 48

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON: "THE PARABLE OF THE TEN MINAS" LUKE 19:11–27

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.

> IN CHRIST ALONE Hymns of Grace, 177

ALL TO HONOR JESUS

Verse 1

Father, may I serve like my Savior. Give me eyes to see what You see. Teach my sinful heart to be humble. Help me be Your hands and feet.

Verse 2 Father, may I love like my Savior, As He had compassion on me. May I work for justice and mercy, For the ones in greatest need.

Chorus

God of love, would You lead me? Take this heart, make it holy. Help me serve through the strength of Christ, All to honor Jesus with my life, All to honor Jesus with my life.

Verse 3 Father, may I tell of my Savior, How He offers hope for the lost. Help me share the grace and forgiveness That He showed me at the cross.

Chorus

Bridge Praise my Savior for His mercy. Praise the Servant King. All to Jesus be the glory, All to honor Him. (Repeat)

Chorus

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YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

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.

Verse 3 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.

Verse 4 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.

Ending When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me. Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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BENEDICTION

TODAY:	Members' Meeting following the morning worship service
Apr 8:	Morning prayer from 7-745 AM
Apr 9:	Only the evening Foundations class will meet this week from 630–8 PM
Apr 13:	We would love to have you join us for our Fellowship Breakfast from 9–945 AM – please bring a dish to share

Easter Week Schedule:

Apr 15:	Morning prayer from 7-745 AM
Apr 16:	No Foundations Classes

Apr 17:	Maundy Thursday / Passover Meal @ 6 PM
Apr 18:	Good Friday service at 6 PM
Apr 20:	Sunrise service @ 6 AM Fellowship Breakfast @ 9 AM Worship Service @ 10 AM

Read Ahead: Luke 19:28–48

General Info:

<u>TVC Kids</u>: 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 on the table in the East Hall for children Pre-K – 5th grade. Note sheets are also available for children in 5th – 8th grade.

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, feel free to do so; but please know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

<u>Gospel Growth Communities (GGCs)</u>: 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. The Nicewonger GGC meets in the evening on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month in Warren.

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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