



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

GATHERED ON MAY 18, 2025

WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

BOLDLY I APPROACH

Verse 1

By grace alone, somehow I stand
Where even angels fear to tread.
Invited by redeeming love
Before the throne of God above.
He pulls me close with nail-scarred hands
Into His everlasting arms.

Verse 2

When condemnation grips my heart
And Satan tempts me to despair,
I hear the voice that scatters fear;
The Great I Am, the Lord is here.
O praise the One who fights for me,
And shields my soul eternally!

Chorus

Boldly I approach Your throne,
Blameless now I'm running home.
By Your blood I come, welcomed as Your own
Into the arms of majesty.

Verse 3

Behold the bright and risen Son;
More beauty than this world has known.
I'm face to face with Love Himself,
His perfect spotless righteousness.
A thousand years, a thousand tongues
Are not enough to sing His praise.

Bridge

This is the art of celebration,
Knowing we're free from condemnation.
O praise the One, praise the One
Who made an end to all my sin.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON: "A QUESTION ON AUTHORITY"

LUKE 20:19–26

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.

JUST AS I AM

Verse 1

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy Blood was shed for me,

And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Verse 2

Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee Whose Blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Verse 3

Just as I am Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.
Because Thy Promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Verse 4

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

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TO YOU, O LORD

Verse 1

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
In You I trust, O my God.
Do not let me be put to shame,
Nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Verse 2

Show me Your ways and teach me Your paths.
Guide me in truth, lead me on;
For You're my God, You are my Savior.
My hope is in You each moment of the day.

Chorus

No one whose hope is in You
Will ever be put to shame;
That's why my eyes are on You, O Lord.
Surround me, defend me,
O how I need You.
To You I lift up my soul,
To You I lift up my soul.

Verse 3
Remember, Lord, Your mercy and love
That ever flow from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth
Or my rebellious ways.
According to Your love, remember me.
According to Your love,
For You are good, O Lord.

Chorus (Repeat)

Ending
To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
To You, my Lord, I lift up my soul.

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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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BENEDICTION

May 20: Morning prayer from 7–745 AM

May 25: We would love to have you join us for our Fellowship Breakfast from 9–945 AM – please bring a dish to share

June 1: Special Members' Meeting following the worship service

May 11-Jun 15: For the next month, there is a diaper drive to purchase diapers to help stock our local Food Pantry. If you would like to give, you can do so either by check (please write diaper drive in the memo section) or online through the TVC website

Read Ahead: Luke 20:27–40

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 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.

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. The Nicewonger GGC meets in the evening on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month in Warren.

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