

WE EXIST TO... GROW IN CHRIST, LOVE LIKE CHRIST, LIVE FOR CHRIST the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

LEAD ME TO THE CROSS

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O CHURCH, ARISE Hymns of Grace, 353

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON: "JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY FOR JESUS" — LUKE 3:1–20

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, Verse 1 Savior I come, quiet my soul, Remember redemption's hill, Where Your blood was spilled,

Pre-Chorus
Ev'rything I once held dear,
I count it all as loss.

For my ransom.

Chorus
Lead me to the cross,
Where Your love poured out.
Bring me to my knees,
Lord, I lay me down.
Rid me of myself,
I belong to You.
Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross.

Verse 2 You were as I, tempted and tried, human. The word became flesh, Bore my sin and death. Now, You're risen.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge
To Your heart.
To Your heart.
Lead me to Your heart.
Lead me to Your heart.

Chorus x2

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BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL (PSALM 103)

Verse 1

My God is slow to anger when I go astray.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
For all of my betrayals, He will not repay.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Through mercy and compassion
His great love is proved,
He covers my transgressions like the snow.
As far as east from west are all my sins removed.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Verse 2

He saved me from the pit when I had lost all hope.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
From endless springs of kindness
All His blessings flow.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Our days will fade like flowers
And are quickly spent
And like the wind, our years will come and go.
Everlasting favor is His covenant.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Verse 3

Merciful and gracious is my God to me. Bless the Lord, O my soul. And I will tell His goodness through eternity. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord you angels, all you heav'nly hosts And every living creature here below. Praise the Father, praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Ending

Bless the Lord you angels, all you heav'nly hosts And every living creature here below. Praise the Father, praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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LORD, I NEED YOU

Verse 1 Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest. And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are. And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus

Bridge

So, teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way. And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay. And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Chorus

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BENEDICTION

Giving:

If you feel led to give to the ministry of TVC, there is an offering box in the back of the sanctuary or online giving is available

May 23: Sermon Application Team meets

from 630-8 PM

May 28: Fellowship breakfast from 9–945

AM - please bring a dish to share

Rooted for children ages 4 years old – 4th grade from 9–930 AM

in the Northeast Nook

Thrive for children in 5th grade & up from 9–930 AM in East Hall

Jun 4: Members' Meeting following the

morning worship service

Read Ahead: Luke 3:21–38

General Info:

TVC Kids: 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.

We strive for family integrated worship & want to encourage parents to keep their children in the sanctuary or East Hall for worship. However, 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. There is a kid friendly area in the downstairs Fellowship Hall, geared for children ages 0–4 years old, that can be used by families who have children that may need to get some wiggles out. Please know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

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

Gospel Growth Communities (GGCs): GGCs are
just one way you can purposefully and
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. Sorterup
GGC meets Wednesday evenings in Damariscotta.
The Holladay GGC meets Thursday evenings in
Bristol. The Norton GGC meets Thursday
evenings in Bremen.
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