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WELCOME

CONFESSION OF SINS

“O COME TO THE ALTAR”

[Verse 1]

Are you hurting and broken within,
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?

Jesus is calling.

Have you come to the end of yourself,
Do you thirst for a drink from the well,

Jesus is calling.

[Chorus]

O come to—the altar
The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness—was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

[Verse 2]

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today there's no reason to wait.

Jesus is calling.

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy,
From the ashes a new life is born.

Jesus is calling.

[Chorus]x2

O come to—the altar
The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness—was bought with
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Worship Leader: The New Testament book of James tell us, “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” God gave us the Ten Commandments which, at times, we treat like recommendations. But James tells us, “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.” God has commanded us to respect, believe, and follow his Word, but we have stumbled. We have broken his law. Let us come before the loving God, asking him to forgive our sins and strengthen us to live our lives for him.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, I struggle with my sins. I think about things I should not think, I say things I should not say, and I do things I should not do. There are times I do not even recognize that I have sinned. On my own I cannot earn your forgiveness and I know I do not deserve it. But pray: O Lord, have mercy on me, assure me that I am forgiven, and strengthen me to live according to your will.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

WL: Our heavenly Father is loving, patient, and kind. He sees you are blameless and holy because of the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every sin you have ever committed has been wiped away. You are forgiven.

[Bridge]x2

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

[Chorus]x2

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The Father's arms are open wide.
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WL: May the God of hope fill you with the peace and joy that comes only through his forgiveness. May his love drive out all fear and doubt, and overflow as you pour out that love on those around you, as a Christian looking forward to heaven. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 5:21-26

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister, will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has

something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny."

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another.

Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

*“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals
on his head.”*

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

“GREAT ARE YOU LORD”

[Verse]

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

[Chorus]

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only.

[Verse]

[Chorus]

[Bridge] x3

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord.

[Chorus]x2

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GUIDANCE FOR THE JOURNEY:

LIFE

A recent survey indicated “high anxiety among Americans during COVID-19 pandemic.” In addition to anxiety caused by COVID-19, all of us may have other anxiety-causing matters before us in our personal lives. And so, considering what’s going on related to COVID-19 and other matters, some have commented, “It’s a crazy time.”

*How does one make it through such a time as this?
How do Christians travel this part of the journey of their lives?*

The Bible tells us about a large group of God’s people on a journey. They were the Nation of Israel after God rescued them from slavery in Egypt. They had present and future challenges before them. However, they were blessed with relationship with God and with one another. To use the current slogan, they were “in it together.”

But how did they make their way? How did they do the journey?

The Bible tells us that God guided them. One of the ways through which God guided Israel was through what we call the Ten Commandments. God used the Ten Commandments to direct Israel in their relationship with him and with one another.

For this year’s summer message series—during this “crazy time”—may God use our exploration of the Ten Commandments to guide us through this segment of our life’s journey.

EXODUS 20:13

“You shall not murder.”

PRAYER

Following the prayer:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

"IN CHRIST ALONE"

[Verse 1]

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

[Verse 2]

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

[Verse 3]

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

[Verse 4]

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

-*UPDATED*- If you would like to know the songs that we are planning on using during the this series, and listen to them on your own, in the car while commuting, or with your family, you can follow our playlist on Spotify. This playlist will be updated throughout the series.

----- *“Grace CREWW – Guidance for the Journey”* -----

You can search for it there or you can scan this code in the app. To scan a Spotify Code, go to the search bar, tap the search bar and you will see a camera icon, tap the camera and then hover the camera over this code:



WANT TO LISTEN TO MORE?

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship over the year:

**Also, feel free to send song suggestions or recommendations to Staff Minister Kyle Heise. 😊*



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