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WELCOME

“LOVE CAME DOWN”

[Verse 1]

If my heart is overwhelmed
And I cannot hear your voice
I hold on to what is true
Though I cannot see

If the storms of life they come
And the road ahead gets steep
I will lift these hands in faith
I will believe

[Pre-Chorus]

I'll remind myself
Of all that you've done
And the life I have
Because of your son

[Chorus]

Love came down and rescued me
Love came down and set me free
I am yours
Lord I'm forever yours
Mountains high or valley low
I sing out and remind my soul
I am yours
I am forever yours

[Verse 2]

When my heart is filled with hope
Every promise comes my way
When I feel your hands of grace
Rest upon me

Staying desperate for you, god
Staying humble at your feet
I will lift these hands in praise
I will believe.

[Pre-Chorus]

[Chorus]

[Bridge] x2

I am yours
I am yours
All my days
Jesus, I am yours

[Chorus]

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: On one of his missionary journeys Paul says, “I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.” Confessing our sins is more than just going through the motions and saying, “I am so sorry”—just to turn around and keep doing the same thing. Jesus said to the Pharisees, “Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.... The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches. Confessing our sins and receiving God’s forgiveness nurtures our relationship with God. Apart from him, we are not able to produce fruit. So let us confess our sins:

Congregation: Lord, there have been times I have chosen my own ways over your ways. Following my own way, I have sinned by the choices I have made, sometimes knowingly and sometimes unknowingly. Sins of thought, sins of word and sins of action. Lord, I pray that you have mercy on me—not because I have earned it or deserve it, but because of your unfailing love and your Son Jesus. Assure me of the forgiveness of my sin and take away my guilt.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

WL: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. And this is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. He died to remove your guilt and sin forever. He died and does not remember your sins. He died so that you never will. Go in peace; your sins are forgiven. 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

Genesis 3:1-10, 14-15

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' "

⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring a and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:18-21

Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.

¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

²⁰ The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"ABOVE ALL"

[Verse 1]

Above all powers
Above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

[Verse 2]

Above all kingdoms
Above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what you're worth

[Chorus]

Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

[Verse 1]

[Verse 2]

[Chorus] x2

Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

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MESSAGE:
GOD DELIGHTS...IN YOU!

Our focus this weekend is reclaiming the sense of joy and delight we find in GOD, our Creator and Redeemer. The danger we run into is taking our salvation for granted, as something inevitable from God or as something that we deserved. These problems slowly push aside our joy for God and his glory. When that happens, our faith suffers.

Reclaiming that joy is more important than ever. Through Gods' Word, we will hear an ever-familiar passage from John chapter 3 that is seeping with good news about God's love for us. By God's grace, may that good news bring joy to our hearts here today and strengthen our faith in him!

JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish
but have eternal life.

PRAYER

Pastor Kevin will offer the 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.

“HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US”

[Verse 1]

How deep the Father’s love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many sons to glory.

[Verse 2]

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

[Verse 3]

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

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WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

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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