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“YES I WILL”

[Verse 1]

I count on one thing:
The same God that never fails
Will not fail me now;
You won't fail me now.
In the waiting,
the same God who's never late,
Is working all things out;
You're working all things out.

[Chorus 1]

Yes, I will—lift You high
in the lowest valley.
Yes, I will—bless Your name.
Yes, I will—sing for joy
when my heart is heavy.
All my days—yes, I will.

[Verse]

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The same God that never fails
Will not fail me now;
You won't fail me now.
In the waiting,
the same God who's never late,
Is working all things out;
You're working all things out.

[Chorus 2]

Yes, I will—lift You high
in the lowest valley.
Yes, I will—bless Your name.
Yes, I will—sing for joy
when my heart is heavy.
All my days—yes, I will.
For all my days—yes, I will.

[Bridge] x3

And I choose to praise
To glorify, glorify
The name of all names
That nothing can stand against

[Chorus 2]

Yes, I will—lift You high
in the lowest valley.
Yes, I will—bless Your name.
Yes, I will—sing for joy
when my heart is heavy.
All my days—yes, I will.
For all my days—yes, I will.
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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: On his missionary journey 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. Just as 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 changing our behavior nurtures that relationship with God. Apart from him, we are not able to produce fruit. So, let us confess our sins:

Congregation: Lord, you have given me my body and soul, my eyes and ears, my mind and all my abilities. You have richly and daily provided all I need to support my body and life. Yet with all these blessings I have continued to sin—in thought, word, and deed. Lord, I pray that you have mercy on me. Not because I have earned it or deserved it, but because of your unfailing love and your Son Jesus. Assure me of the forgiveness of my sin. Take away my guilt. Renew me and grant me strength to use the gifts you've given me all my life for you.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

WL: God, our Heavenly Father, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. May the God of hope fill you with the peace and joy that comes only through his forgiveness and give you his strength to live according to his will. 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

Exodus 24:3-11

When Moses went and told the people all the Lord's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the Lord has said we will do." ⁴ Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the Lord.

⁶ Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people.

They responded, "We will do everything The Lord has said; we will obey."

⁸ Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹ Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰ and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky.

¹¹ But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down."

There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."

¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

"BROTHERS, SISTERS, LET US GLADLY"

[Verse 1]

Brothers, sisters, let us gladly
give to God our all, our best.
Service hearty, thorough, honest,
with a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving;
all our time to him belong.
Praise him, then, with true devotion;
come before him with a song.

[Verse 2]

By his mercy, by his bounty,
by the gift of Christ, his Son.
What great goodness he has shown us,
what high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely
yield our bodies and our souls.
Thankful that his love protects us
that his wisdom all controls.

[Verse 3]

Gracious Lord, accept our service for the sake of Christ, your Son
Lo, our hope abides now only in the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us; help and guide us; watch to comfort and restore
Till in heaven we rest rejoicing, praising you for evermore.

LED BY OUR GOD FOR WORKS OF SERVICE

Message based on Ephesians 4:1-7; 11-16

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As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and

teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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.

"I WILL GO"

[Verse 1]

Standing in the place
Where doubt and faith collide
Staring in the face
Of fear that has to die
When You call my name
There's only one reply
No I won't wait
I'll give You my whole life.

[Chorus]

I will go where You send me
To the ends of the earth
Just say the word and I'll go
I will go where You lead me
I'll follow Your heart
Wherever You are I'll go

[Verse 2]

I've packed my bags
And now I'm heading out
No I won't look back
Until the lost are found
'Cause I've been losing sleep
Over the least of these
And I'll find Your riches
Among poverty.

[Chorus]

[Bridge]x2

In Your name the blind will see
The lame will walk the bound are free
In Your name the darkness hides
The mountains move the dead will rise
In Your name. In Your name.

[Chorus]x2

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING

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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