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**FIRST LESSON**

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house; she has set up its seven pillars. <sup>2</sup> She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup> She has sent out her servants, and she calls from the highest point of the city,

<sup>4</sup> “Let all who are simple come to my house!”

To those who have no sense she says,

<sup>5</sup> “Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup> Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of insight.”

**“MY SAVIOR, MY GOD”**

**[Verse]**

I am not skilled to understand:  
What God has willed,  
what God has planned.  
I only know at his right hand  
Stands one who is my savior

**[Verse 2]**

I take him at his word and deed.  
Christ died to save me this I read,  
And in my heart I find a need  
For him to be my savior.

**[Pre-Chorus]**

That he would leave his place on high,  
And come for sinful man to die.  
You count it strange, so once did I—  
Before I knew my savior

**[Chorus]**

My savior loves, my savior lives,  
My savior's always there for me.  
My God he was, my God he is,  
My God he's always gonna be.

**[Verse 3]**

Yes, living, dying; let me bring  
My strength, my solace from this spring.  
That he who lives to be my king,  
Once died to be my savior.

**[Pre-Chorus]**

**[Chorus]**

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## CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: 1 Corinthians 1:25 says, “The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.” But how often do we find our weakness is our own wisdom? We often go to great lengths to have things make sense, and sometimes in our search for true understanding we look back and see that we have gone down a path that did not show ourselves trusting in God—but shows that we misplaced our faith.

Perhaps we have relied too much on human wisdom. For what is faith from the perspective of human wisdom? What society often calls “faith” may better be called “speculation.” Faith is said to be *“an idea that I have come up with—in which I can hope. It really doesn’t matter what the idea is; it just matters that I hope in it.”*

This is a tragedy, because the object of faith is the only thing that makes it valuable. The hunger for “hopeful speculation” is driven by the need to feel “okay” with ourselves and to feel we are not alone. Thus, in our human wisdom, we create excuses for ourselves, for our mistakes, and for the ever-present problem of suffering that accompanies our lives. We are trying to do is justify ourselves. Yet at the same time there is always a part of us wondering if we have ever done enough.

It is through something that sounds foolish to human ears that we have been saved—through the innocent death and resurrection of Jesus. By this, Christ has become for us wisdom from God—our righteousness and redemption. And so, on account of our sinfulness, and on account of the salvation from sin that Jesus offers, let us confess our sins to God and receive his forgiveness:

**Congregation: Heavenly Father, I have sinned against you in more ways than I can count. I have sinned in my thoughts, by my words and with my actions. There are times I have not forgiven as you have forgiven me. Forgive me for my sins, show mercy according to your unfailing love, and take away my guilt. Renew me and lead me as I strive to live for you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

WL: God, our Heavenly Father, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love. He has promised us, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you,”—and has fulfilled that promise by the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has forgiven every one of your sins and remembers them no more. May the God of hope fill you with the peace and joy that comes only through his forgiveness. Amen.

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **SECOND LESSON**

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery.

Instead, be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**“SHOUT TO THE LORD”**

**[Verse]**

My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord there is none like You.  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,  
Tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am,  
Never cease to worship You.

**[Chorus]**

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing:  
Power and majesty, praise to the King!  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands;  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand!  
Nothing compares to the promise I have  
In You.

**[Verse]**

**[Chorus] x2**

Nothing compares to the promise I have—  
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In You

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**THE BREAD OF LIFE PROMISES:**

**THE BREAD OF LIFE ABIDES**

*based on John 6:56*

**JOHN 6:56**

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.”

## 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 CAN ONLY IMAGINE"

#### **[Verse 1]**

I can only imagine,  
What it will be like  
When I walk, by your side.  
I can only imagine,  
What my eyes will see  
When you face is before me.  
I can only imagine.

#### **[Chorus]**

Surrounded by You glory,  
What will my heart feel?  
Will I dance for you Jesus,  
or in awe of You be still?  
Will I stand in your presence;  
or to my knees will I fall?  
Will I sing hallelujah;  
will I be able to speak at all?  
I can only imagine. I can only imagine.

#### **[Verse 2]**

I can only imagine,  
When that day comes  
When I find myself standing in the Son.  
I can only imagine,  
When all I will do is forever,  
Forever worship You.  
I can only imagine.

#### **[Chorus x2]**

I can only imagine.  
I can only imagine.  
  
I can only imagine  
When all I will do is forever  
Forever worship You  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine

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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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