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WELCOME

“LEAD ME TO THE CROSS”

[Verse 1]

Savior, I come.
Quiet my soul, remember:
Redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom.

[Pre-Chorus]

And everything I once held dear,
I count it all as loss

[Chorus 1]

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.
Lead me--
Lead me to the cross.

[Verse 2]

You were as I,
Tempted and trialed: Human.
The word became flesh;
Bore my sin and death.
Now you're risen.

[Pre-Chorus]

[Chorus 2]

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.
Lead me--
Lead me to your heart.
Lead me to your heart.
Lead me to your heart.
Lead me to your heart.

[Chorus 1]

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: 1 John 3 says, “Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

It is hard to know that because our wisdom comes from God, and not the world, we may face persecution from the world. It can tempt us to hide our identities as children of God. Living in that fear, we may conform to the way of the world—to sin. And sin creates guilt and doubt. Which is why we confess our shortcomings to our Heavenly Father:

Congregation: Heavenly Father, my thoughts, my words and my actions have shown my sin to you. I thought I knew better than you. I have been deceived by the world into pursuing wisdom that does not come from you. But what I found was sin—my sin. I plead for your forgiveness. Have mercy on me because of your Son. Assure me of your love and strengthen me to trust in and 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. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are righteous in God’s sight and named as an heir of heaven. May the God of hope fill you with the peace and joy that comes only through his forgiveness. 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

Isaiah 29:13-24

The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.

¹⁴ "Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish.

¹⁵ "Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the Lord, who do their work in darkness and think, 'Who sees us? Who will know?'

¹⁶ "You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, 'You did not make me'? Can the pot say to the potter, 'You know nothing'?

¹⁷ "In a very short time, will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field seem like a forest?

¹⁸ "In that day the deaf will hear the words Of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. ¹⁹ Once more the humble will rejoice in the Lord; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

²⁰ "The ruthless will vanish, the mockers will disappear, and all who have an eye for evil will be cut down—²¹ those who with a word make someone out to be guilty, who ensnare the defender in court and with false testimony deprive the innocent of justice."

²² Therefore this is what the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, says to the descendants of Jacob:

"No longer will Jacob be ashamed; no longer will their faces grow pale. ²³ When they see among them their children, the work of my hands, they will keep my name holy; they will acknowledge the holiness of the Holy One of Jacob, and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. ²⁴ Those who are wayward in spirit will gain understanding; those who complain will accept instruction."

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

²⁶ “Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

³⁰ “If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

³¹ “So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

“COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING”

[Verse 1]

Come, thou fount of every blessing;
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing;
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet;
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it;
Mount of Thy unchanging love

[Verse 2]

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Here there by Thy help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure;
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger;
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger;
Interposed His precious blood

[Verse 3]

O to grace how great a debtor; Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter; Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above

LENTEN VICTORY:
OVER HUMAN WISDOM
based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

*“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent,
I will frustrate.”*

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was

pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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.

“YOU ARE MY VISION”

[Verse 1]

You are my vision, O King of my heart
Nothing else satisfies, only You, Lord
You are my best thought
by day or by night.
Waking or sleeping,
Your presence, my light.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

[Verse 2]

You are my wisdom, You are my true word,
I ever with You, and You with me Lord:
You're my great Father and
I'm Your true son
You dwell inside me,
together we're one.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

[Verse 4]

I don't want riches or man's empty praise:
You're my inheritance, now and always;
You, and You only,
the first in my heart:
High King of heaven,
my treasure You are.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

[Verse 5]

High King of heaven, when victory's won
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Son.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

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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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