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WELCOME

“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
And 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

CONFESSION OF SINS & FIRST LESSON

Worship Leader: That first song said it, as believers we can only imagine what it will be like to be in God's presence. As wonderful as it is to imagine, we continue to wait. In Psalm 84, the writer describes how he longs to live in God's heavenly courts.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 84

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.

² Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³ You turn people back to dust,
saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

⁴ A thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.

⁵ Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—
they are like the new grass of the morning:

⁶ In the morning it springs up new,
but by evening it is dry and withered.

⁷ We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.

⁸ You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

⁹ All our days pass away under your wrath;
we finish our years with a moan.

¹⁰ Our days may come to seventy years,
or eighty, if our strength endures;

yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,
for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

¹¹ If only we knew the power of your anger!
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.

¹² Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

¹³ Relent, LORD! How long will it be?
Have compassion on your servants.

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
for as many years as we have seen trouble.

¹⁶ May your deeds be shown to your servants,
your splendor to their children.

¹⁷ May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.

Worship Leader: The psalmist did not only long for heaven, but he also urges us to revel in God's goodness, because our faith and trust is found only in him; he is our source of strength. And we are reminded of God's strength when we are weak, when we are weary, when we sin—and we come to him to seek his forgiveness. God assures us, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

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 sins I know I have done and sins that I do not know I have done. Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Assure me of the forgiveness of my sin, and take away my guilt..

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.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

⁷ "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

⁹ " 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

¹⁰ "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹ "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

¹² "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

¹³ "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

“BLESSED BE YOUR NAME”

[Verse 1]

Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

[Pre-Chorus]

Every blessing You pour out, I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say:

[Chorus]

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

[Verse 2]

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

[Pre-Chorus]

[Chorus]

[Bridge]

You give and take away.
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say:
Lord, blessed be Your name.

[Chorus]

[Bridge]

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MESSAGE:
BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

PRAYER

Vicar David 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.

"FOREVER"

[Verse 1]

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King,
His love endures forever.
For He is good He is above all things,
His love endures forever.
Sing Praise, Sing Praise.

[Verse 2]

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing Praise, Sing Praise.

[Pre-Chorus]

Sing Praise, Sing Praise.

[Chorus 1]

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever and ever. Forever.

[Verse 3]

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on,
His love endures forever.
Sing Praise, Sing Praise

[Pre-Chorus]

[Chorus 2]

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever and ever.
Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever and ever. Forever.

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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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