

Prelude: Mother’s Day Medley by Isaac Lowder

Worship = Our Task + God’s Purpose!

Opening Hymn: 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 redeeming love.

Verse 2

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m 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.

Welcome

Before we worship, **we are blinded by our many tasks.** We fear failure, being proved wrong, and being shunned by family, friends, and neighbors. **Israel did not know they were living in bondage.** God, are we living in bondage blinded by our many tasks? Are we oblivious to Your Presence with us? **Lord, we have come to worship. Let us see Jesus with us in our task teaching us Your Purpose!**

Special Music: My Mother’s Love by Maribeth Yoder-White & Tom Shelton

Morning Prayer

Lord, we each have tools of our trades. We spend our lives mastering tools. Father, have our tools mastered us? Have we lost the purpose of Life?

Have our tasks mastered us and led us into bondage? Lord, have you heard our cries? You have seen our misery?

We come Sunday after Sunday to Worship. Have we turned out bulletin into a list of tasks? Have our hymns and songs turned into tradition? Have our prayers turned into empty words? Have we lost your purpose for giving us Life, yes *Your* only begotten Son in our traditions, liturgy, rituals, doctrines, and dogmas?

Come Fire that consumes but never destroys. Come lead us in Worship. Let us experience Jesus with us in the very things that seek to separate us

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: There’s Within My Heart a Melody

Verse 1

There’s within my heart a melody

Jesus whispers sweet and low: Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still, in all of life’s ebb and flow.

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know, fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

Verse 2

All my life was wrecked by sin and strife, discord filled my heart with pain; Jesus swept across the broken strings, stirred the slumbering chords again.

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know, fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

Scripture: Exodus 4: 1-17

Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you’?”
² Then the Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” “A staff,” he replied.
³ The Lord said, “Throw it on the ground.” Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. ⁴ Then the Lord said to him, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.” So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.
⁵ “This,” said the Lord, “is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you.”
⁶ Then the Lord said, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, the skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.
⁷ “Now put it back into your cloak,” He said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.
⁸ Then the Lord said, “If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second. ⁹ But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground.”
¹⁰ Moses said to the Lord, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”
¹¹ The Lord said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? ¹² Now go; I will help you speak and I will teach you what to say.”
¹³ But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.”
¹⁴ Then the Lord’s anger burned against Moses and he said, “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. ¹⁵ You

shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. ¹⁶ He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. ¹⁷ But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it.”

Instrumental Meditation: You Raise Me Up, Arranged by Mary McDonald & Joel Raney

Message

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; On the third day he rose for the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Rock of Ages

Verse 1

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Verse 2

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

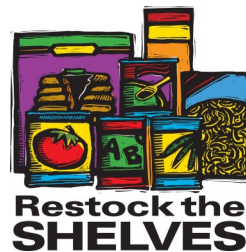
Benediction

Tithes and Offerings

Postlude: A Mother’s Prayer, Arranged by Jennifer Eklund

UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack Program with a specific kind of food. The food item for May is Juice Boxes.



Food for Thought:

The Great I AM is always with us.

I AM with you to lead you in Worship.

I AM with you to Deliver you from Sin.

I AM with you to heal you heart and mind.

I AM with you to give you Life.



Biographies of the Robinson Family

Timothy Robinson:

I was born in Rochester, New York, in 1981. My family (including my 4 older siblings) moved to Jonesville when I was 3-years-old because my dad wanted to pursue ministry in the area where his ancestors lived. I graduated from Lee High School and began working in the state and federal prison system including Wallens Ridge State Prison. I even moved to Louisiana for about a year as part of a promotion, and it was there that I accepted my call to ministry. I quit the prison system in order to earn my Bachelor in Human Services and Counseling from Lindsey Wilson. During this time, I spent a few years pulpitting, volunteered as a chaplain through Lee County Community Hospital, and even served as supply pastor at Appalachia UMC. I began Asbury Seminary in 2015, and after one school year on campus, I was let to move back to Virginia to pastor the Ewing Circuit while completing my degree. I married my beautiful wife Nicole in 2017 who later joined me in Virginia. I will graduate with my Master in Divinity on May 22nd and I couldn't be more excited to finally be completed. I enjoy being outside either hiking, doing yardwork, or cruising in my Mustang. I am excited to begin my appointment at Trinity UMC and to see what God has in store for us all. I hope you don't come to church too hungry as I tend to use food illustrations in sermons quite often.

Nicole Robinson:

I lived most of my life in Mount Prospect, Illinois, which is a suburb of Chicago. My family immigrated to America in 1950 to flee war-torn Europe, so I grew up attending German school and following many German traditions. I grew up in the Lutheran Church where I was baptized and confirmed. I graduated from Concordia University with a degree in Psychology, and afterwards I joined a Baptist Church where I greatly grew in my faith. My first few jobs out of college were working in a daycare and teaching preschool. I went on three mission trips (Cambodia, India, and Uganda) where I discovered my passion for orphans and those who are often overlooked. My heart for mission work led me to begin a degree at Asbury Seminary. It was there that I met my husband, Timothy. I transferred programs and graduated with my Master of Social Work from Campbellsville University. In 2019, I began working at the Southwest Virginia Children's Advocacy Center (in the MEOC building) where I am a therapist for abused/neglected children. I love my job and those I have met through this new endeavor. I am currently working towards my licensure to earn my LCSW which can open more opportunities for me. I love to bake, sing, travel, read, go to the state park, and dance Zumba. I have a heart for foster children and hope to be a foster parent some day. I am my husband's biggest critic, so try to take it easy on him! Haha

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