

Straight from the "Hart"

April 16, 2023 – Bright / Music



Greeting He is risen. **He is risen indeed.** Welcome to Hartland UMC's "Straight from the "Hart"". We are really glad you are here and participating in today's time of worship. This is Music Sunday, when we have put together as many as your requests and possible and put them into some semblance of order.

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer Our heavenly Father, your Son Jesus gave himself for us. Our gifts of resources, time, presence, prayers, can never match what you've done for us, nor can we even begin to pay you back, but we offer it all to say, "Thank you, God." And as we follow Christ's example by giving our lives for others, you accept our gifts, our offering or ourselves, and you put our lives to your use however you see fit. Amen. (ad. from © 2011 Robert D. Ingram in UM Worship & Song, Leader's Edition.)

Music Sing along with the praise band as we call ourselves to worship.

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Words and Music: Brian Doerksen Arr. David Shipps © 1998 Vineyard Songs

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose you now.

Repeat

One day every tongue will confess you are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

(Just as you are.) Come. (Just as you are.) Come. (Just as you are.) Come.

Bible Reading 1

We have come to Bright Sunday, the day we celebrate that the news that Jesus rose from the dead begins to spread throughout the land. This year, we celebrate primarily through music. Peter gives us the essence of that news on the day of Pentecost.



Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, ... God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know... [Nevertheless] you nailed him to a cross and killed him. But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip. ... [therefore] the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. No wonder my heart is glad, and my tongue shouts his praises!

Acts 2:14a,22b-23b,24,25b,26a (NLT)

Special Music This song describes the story of Jesus and the beginnings of what it means for us... **Glorious Day (Living He Love Me)**

Words: J Wilbur Chapman,
Music and Additional Words: Michael Bleeker & Mark Hall © 2009 My Refuge Music

One day when heaven
was filled with his praises,
One day when sin was
as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
dwelt among men, my example is he!
The Word became flesh, and the Light
shined among us – his glory revealed!



Chorus

Living, he loved me; dying, he saved me;
and buried, he carried my sins far away;
Rising, he justified freely forever:
One day he's coming – O glorious day! O glorious day!
One day they led him up Calvary's mountain,
one day they nailed him to die on a tree;

Suffering anguish, despised and rejected: bearing our sins, my Redeemer is he!
The hands that healed nations stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me.

Chorus

One day the grave could conceal him no longer,
one day the stone rolled away from the door;
then he arose over death he had conquered;
now is ascended, my Lord evermore!

Death could not hold him; the grave could not keep him from rising again!

Chorus

Glorious day ---- !

One day the trumpet will sound for his coming,
one day the skies with his glories will shine;
Wonderful day, my beloved One bringing; My Savior, Jesus is mine!

Chorus

Glorious day ---- ! O glorious day! O glorious day!

Music And because he lives, not only will we live and confidently face our future,
but we can also be fully alive now... Let's sing Because He Lives

Because He Lives (Amen)

Words and Music: Matt Maher, William J Gaither, Gloria Gaither, Daniel Carson,
Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram © 2014 Hanna Street Music

I believe in the Son. I believe in the risen One.
I believe I overcome by the power of his blood.

Amen, amen. I'm alive, I'm alive because he lives. Amen, amen.
Let my song join the one that never ends, because He lives!

I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away.
Amen, amen. I'm alive, I'm alive because he lives. Amen, amen.

Let my song join the one that never ends.
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because he lives, every fear is gone.
I know he holds my life, my future in his hands.

Amen, amen. I'm alive, I'm alive because he lives. Amen, amen.
Let my song join the one that never ends, because He lives.
Amen, amen. Let my song join the one that never ends,
because He lives! because He lives!

Bible Reading 2

Peter continues to spread the news that Jesus lives through a letter in which he sums up our salvation and that God will strengthen us in that salvation to withstand various trials until we receive our eternal life from the Everlasting God...

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance — an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, ... when your faith remains strong ..., it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:3-6a,7c-9 (NLT)

[The call to not give up and maintain hope in God's salvation was expressed centuries earlier by the prophet Isaiah when he wrote:]

Why, then, ... *inheritors of God's promise... chosen of God* — Why do you say, "My *troubled* path is hidden from the Eternal; ... Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The Eternal, the Everlasting God, The Creator of the whole world, never gets tired or weary... God strengthens the weary and gives vitality to those worn down *by age and care*. Young people will get tired; strapping young men will stumble and fall. But those who trust in the Eternal One will regain their strength. They will soar on wings as eagles. They will run—*never winded*, never weary. They will walk—*never tired*, never faint. Keep quiet and listen... give the people *of the nations* a chance to regain their strength...

From Isaiah 40:27-41:1 (VOICE)

Music So let's sing with joy how this everlasting God brings comfort and strength to our faith as we wait on him for our ultimate deliverance.

Everlasting God

Words and Music: Brenton Brown and Ken Riuley © 2005 Thankyou Music

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Repeat

Our God, you reign forever. Our Hope, our strong Deliverer.
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.
You do not faint, you won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak, you comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.
(Repeat from beginning)

Our God, you reign forever. Our Hope, our strong Deliverer.
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.
You do not faint, you won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak, you comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Music So let's bring that confidence in him before him, because it is only because of him and what he does through Jesus that we can even approach having a relationship with God – and for that Jesus deserves our honor and offering or praise. Let's sing

Offering

Words and Music: Paul Baloche arr by Lura Foster
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The sun cannot compare to the glory of your love;
there is no shadow in your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before your throne,
before the Holy One of Heaven.
It's only by your blood, and it's only through your mercy, Lord, I come.

I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may you receive the honor that you're due.
O Lord, I bring an offering to you.

Repeat

I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
I bring an offering of praises to my King.

Prayers Living God, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. You made the world in beauty, and humanity in your image. Wherever your image has become disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, or other vices, distortions and distractions; we pray your work of restoration will come in the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace. With the good news of Jesus' resurrection, the world was changed forever. We experience the

power of your redemption as we are restored to the fullness of life, and forever freed to be your people and to keep strong our faith in you.

Jesus taught to love all people as neighbors, You invite us to bring our doubts and fears, our joys and concerns, our petitions and praise, and offer them for the earth and all its creatures.

Petitions Therefore, we offer our prayers. * The Lemons offer praise for the birth of great grandson Noah John Rupert, * Terri Priess requests prayers for 6 year old Brantley Call who is having seizures again, and is waiting on test results,. * we continue to pray for Jim Mallott's son in law Pat who is in hospice and his wife Sandy.

Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, receive our prayers, and transform us through them, that we may understand not only what you do for us, but what you call us to do, which begins by living the prayer you taught us to pray. (ad. (except petitions) from lectionary.lilbrary.vanderbuilt.edu) **Lord's Prayer**

Music Psalm 139 tells us repeatedly to "Give thanks for God's love endures forever" -- 26 times -- and between each repeat it gives reasons to be thankful such as -- he does mighty miracles, he skillfully made the heavens, the earth among the waters, the sun, moon and stars -- who delivered us from Egypt and made his people a land and nation, The praise band is going to wrap up its segment of this Music Sunday by singing Forever. Sing with us....

Forever

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, arr. by David Shipp © 2001 worshiptogether.com

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!

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! Sing praise, sing praise!

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,

forever God is with us, forever, forever.

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! Sing praise, sing praise!

Forever got his faithful, forever got his strong,
 forever God is with us, forever.
 Forever God his faithful, forever God his strong,
 forever God is with us, forever, forever, forever.

When I was in seminary my pastoral care professor taught us that if you have to swing to the music to do it this way [sway forward and back] so they can't tell! If you go this way [side to side] they might think you are dancing and, in that denomination, dancing was not a good thing. So as I look out and I see heads bobbing and people swaying differing ways and clapping, I really appreciate that we have the freedom to feel what we need to feel and express it how we want to express it. Whether it is standing still or free and loose whatever it is, I appreciate that.

Bible Reading 3

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world.

Psalm 19:1-4 (NLT)

Music For those who have the eyes to see, God's glory is clearly evident all around us, speaking to us about God's presence and care -- as clearly as I am talking to you now. Our first set of songs all speak to God's presence and power seen in nature. Let's sing...



How Great Thou Art

Text: Carl Boberg; trans. Stuart K. Hine, 1953
 Music: Swedish Folk Melody; arr. by Stuart K. Hine, 1953

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
 thy power throughout the universe displayed.
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
 how great thou art, how great Thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
 how great thou art, how great thou art!

Music Let's move from the sky to the earth as we sing.

This is My Father's World

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

Music: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

Music All God's nature calls to rejoice in him...

Joyful, Joyful

Text: Henry Van Dyke 1907

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; Arr. by Edward Hodges, 1864

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Music And this next song calls us to become more aware that God is behind all that we see that we are rejoicing in...

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander Music: 17th cent. English melody; arr. by Martin Shaw

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

2. The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

Refrain

Bible Reading 4

Jeremiah writes in Lamentations

The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself,

“The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!” The LORD is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him. So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the LORD. Lamentations 3:22-26 (NLT)

Music So now it is not just to recognize him in creation but to freshly see his work of restoration and recreation of each day, because while the composer surely meant morning has dawned, in some sense each day is indeed broken (sometimes I can't help thinking “🎵 Morning is broken, please come and fix it” 😊) and each day is in need of God's grace to be renewed. Let's sing.

Morning Has Broken

Text: Elenor Farjeon, 1931 (Lam. 3:22-23)

Music: Trad. Gaelic melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing, fresh from the Word.
2. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born in the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Music And if our world needs recreation, then we are recognizing that something has gone wrong, and if we are part of this world, then it is we too that need recreation, needing the prayer of restoration. Let's sing.

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

Text: Afro-American spiritual

Music: Afro-American spiritual; arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986

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It's me (It's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
It's me (It's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
It's me (It's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
It's me (It's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Bible Reading 5

And if we need prayerful restoration, it is only natural that we will turn to the ever-patient God who has always been our help, as Moses prays in Psalm 90

Lord, through all the generations you have been our home! Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from

beginning to end, you are God. For you, a thousand years are as a passing day, as brief as a few night hours. Satisfy us each morning with your unfailing love, so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives. Let us, your servants, see you work again; let our children see your glory.

Psalm 90:1-2, 14,16 (NLT)

Music So Let's sing... **O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719

Music: Attr. to William Croft 1708; harm. by W.H. Monk, 1861

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
4. A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.
6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Music And knowing that he has always helped, helps, and will help, we now pray for him to come and take action in his great love, and promise our love and praise to him in return. Let's sing...

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747, Music: John Zundel, 1870

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Music And Jesus came down in his love, to his temple, where we can praise him. Of course, as we live the story – he wasn't welcomed by all. I suspect this song may be new for us, but because of the way it tells and sums the story, we will do all the verses... and if you are comfortable to stand, let's do as we sing...

Lord of the Dance

Text: Sydney Carter, 1963 Music: 19th cent. Shaker tune; adapt. by Sydney Carter, 1963;
harm. by Gary Alan Smith, 1988. © 1963, 1989 Galliard, Ltd

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
 and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
 and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:
 at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
 And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
 and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
 but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
 I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
 they came to me and the dance went on:

Refrain

3. I danced on the sabbath and I cured the lame:
 the holy people said it was a shame;
 they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
 and they left me there on a cross to die:

Refrain

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
 it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
 they buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
 but I am the dance, and I still go on:

Refrain

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high;
 I am the life that'll never, never die;
 I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

Music The battle with Jesus reminds us that we each have a battle going on in our hearts as well and that we need to be transformed and die to sin so that we can be truly free. Let's sing... **Battle Hymn of the Republic**

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1861, Music: USA campmeeting tune 19th c.

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
 he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
 his truth is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
 Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

4. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
 with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
 as he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
 while God is marching on.

Refrain

Bible Reading 6

We can't win the battle against sin alone, we have to grow close to God to defeat temptation and sin in our life. Fortunately, because of Christ's work on the cross, he has made it possible for that to happen, as it says in Hebrews

we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way ...into the Most Holy Place... [therefore,] let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. Hebrews 10:19b-22 (NLT)

Music Therefore, let's draw near to God as people who belong to him so that we can remain faithful. **I Am Thine, O Lord**

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875, Music: William H. Doane, 1875

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
 but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.
 Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
 there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.

Refrain

Music Faithfulness includes offering ourselves to God's ongoing mission in the world. Let's sing... **Hear I Am, Lord**

Text: Dan Schutte, 1981 Music: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

2. I, the Lord, of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord, of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Bible Reading 7

God's mission continues – and it is so easily distorted into something other than what it is. Paul reminds us that our fight is not against people, (which seems to be one of the bigger mistakes made in our culture today) but against what tempts each of us. He writes:

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:10b-17 (NLT)

Music Our next two songs are based on that reading and encourage to stand strong against falling to evil... We'll sing both back to back, and I don't think the bulletin says so, but if we are able, I think we should stand for these...

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Text: George Duffield, Jr., 1858 Music: George J. Webb, 1830

3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
 Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;
 where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.
4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
 this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.
 To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be;
 they with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

Standing on the Promises

Text: R. Kelso Carter, 1886, Music: R. Kelso Carter, 1886

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of Christ my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Bible Reading 8

The author to the Hebrews reminds us of how to stand up on the promises...

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up. Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. Hebrews 12:2-3,1 (NLT)

Music The key is to keep our eyes focused on Jesus so that we can follow the example of the one who showed us how to live and will lead us to our ultimate victory with God in heaven... Let's sing

Be Thou My Vision

Text: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.

Music: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

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1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Music So to recap, we praise God because Jesus came to earth to teach us what God is really like, to win the battle against sin and death by his death, and in so doing pay our penalty for sin and so that if we abide in him we too can defeat sin in our hearts and live life to the full.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Words: Rick Founds Music: Rick Founds © 1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc.

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth -- to show the way, from the earth to the cross -- my debt to pay; From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;0

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Repeat

Bible Reading 9 To describe that fully lived life, hear the promises of God through the prophet Isaiah where he says:

It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it. You will live in joy and peace. {or:} You will go out {of exile and captivity} in joy and be led home in peace]. The mountains and hills will burst into song, and the trees of the field will clap their hands! Where once there were thorns, cypress trees will grow. Where nettles grew, myrtles will sprout up. These events will bring great honor to the LORD's name; they will be an everlasting sign of his power and love.” (Isaiah 55:11-13) (NLT) [VOICE]

Music Isaiah poetically says that everything will be so glorious that nature will burst into song and the trees will clap their hands. So as our “going out song”, let's sing the trees of the field, and the second time we sing it will sing it faster...

The Trees of the Field

Words: Steffi Geiser Ruben Music: Stuart Dauermann © 1975 Lillenas Publishing Co.

(xx = hand claps)

You shall go out with joy -- and be led forth with peace;

The mountains on the hills will break forth before you;

There will be shouts of joy, -- and all the trees of the field will clap,
will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, xx

the trees of the field will clap their hands, xx

the trees of the field will clap their hands xx

while you go out with joy.

Repeat

Blessing Now go out under God's guidance in the joyful path of discipleship, so that, as he has blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of the heavenly kingdom to earth through our words and deeds. Amen.

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