



August 23, 2020

# STRANGERS

IN A STRANGE LAND

1 PETER 2:12

# Welcome!

**We believe God brought you all here today! May you be blessed, strengthened and uplifted by your time of worship.**

**GUESTS!** – A special welcome to you! We are glad you have joined us online and in person! Let us know you are worshipping with us by putting a comment in the Facebook LIVE comments or fill out the “Online Guestbook” on our Live Stream web page.

**Communion:** When we get together, every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month we celebrate the Lord’s Supper in both services. If you are interested in joining us, please speak to Pastor prior to communing.

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**Restrooms** – Restrooms are located through the entry way, to the left as you exit the worship area.

**Nursery/Cry Room** - We love worshipping with children. If you need a place to go with small children, there is a nursery/cry room on the right of the entryway as you leave the church. The room is equipped with a viewing window and speakers so you can continue to participate in the worship service.

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## **PENTECOST 13 – August 23, 2020**

**SERVING US IN WORSHIP TODAY...**

**WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL GEIGER**

**ORGANIST: DAVID WIDIGER**

## ♪ OPENING HYMN

*"Take the World, but Give Me Jesus"*

Red Hymnal 355

1 Take the world, but give me Jesus!  
All its joys are but a name.  
But his love abides forever,  
Through eternal years the same.

***Refrain:***

**Oh, the height and depth of mercy;  
Oh, the length and breadth of love!  
Oh, the fullness of redemption,  
Pledge of endless life above!**

2 Take the world, but give me Jesus,  
Sweetest comfort of my soul.  
With the Savior watching o'er me,  
I can sing, though thunders roll.

***Refrain***

**Oh, the height and depth of mercy;  
Oh, the length and breadth of love!  
Oh, the fullness of redemption,  
Pledge of endless life above!**

3 Take the world, but give me Jesus!  
In his cross my trust shall be  
Till with clearer, brighter vision  
Face to face my Lord I see.

***Refrain***

**Oh, the height and depth of mercy;  
Oh, the length and breadth of love!  
Oh, the fullness of redemption,  
Pledge of endless life above!**

## **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

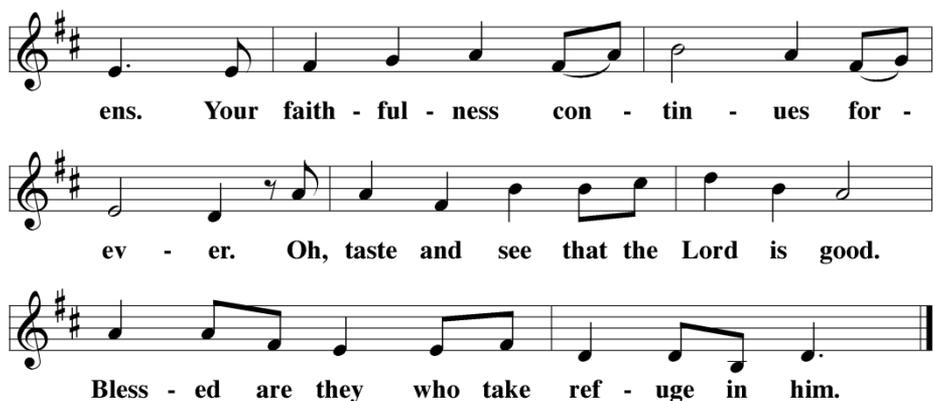
**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The lyrics are: 'Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -'.



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

**FIRST LESSON:** *Isaiah 55:1-5* (NIV84)

1"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. 2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. 3 Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. 4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. 5 Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."

# ♫ PSALM 23

Red Hymnal pg 72

## *Refrain*



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

## *Psalm tone*



## **Refrain**

The LORD is my shepherd,\*  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;\*  
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;\*  
he guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,\*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

## **Refrain**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.\*  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**as it was in the beginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Refrain**

## **SECOND LESSON:** Acts 8:14-25 (NIV84)

<sup>14</sup>When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup>because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

<sup>18</sup>When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money <sup>19</sup>and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." <sup>20</sup>Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! <sup>21</sup>You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. <sup>22</sup>Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. <sup>23</sup>For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."

<sup>24</sup>Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me."

<sup>25</sup>When they had testified and proclaimed the word of the Lord, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.

### **♪ SERMON HYMN**

*"The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me"*

Blue Hymnal 749

1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is more than mind can know,  
His mercy measureless and free To meet the debt I owe.  
He came my sinful cause to plead, He laid his glories by,  
For me a homeless life to lead, A shameful death to die.

2 My sins I only see in part, My self-regarding ways;  
The secret places of my heart Lie bare before his gaze.  
For me the price of sin he paid; My sins beyond recall  
Are all alike on Jesus laid, he died to bear them all.

3 O living Lord of life, for whom The heavens held their breath,  
To see, triumphant from the tomb, A love that conquers death,  
Possess my heart that it may be Your kingdom without end,  
O Christ who died for love of me And lives to be my friend.

## SERMON

**MESSAGE:** *"How Important Is Status & Silver?"*

**TEXT:** *1 Peter 1:17-21* (NIV84)

<sup>17</sup>Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. <sup>18</sup>For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup>He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

### STATEMENT OF FAITH – 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.**

## THANK-OFFERING

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## LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.**

## CLOSING PRAYER and BLESSING

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## ♪ CLOSING HYMN

*"Day by Day"*

Blue Hymnal 765

1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
Draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
Brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
Where, at last, I'll find eternal rest.

2 Day by day, I know you will provide me  
Strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
O'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow;  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow;  
Till in glory I behold your face.

3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
When my burdens grow too great to bear;  
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
You will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.

## 355

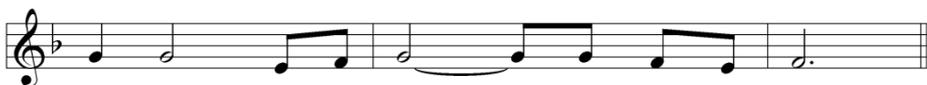
## Take the World, but Give Me Jesus



1 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! All its  
 2 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, Sweet - est  
 3 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! In his



joys are but a name. But his love a - bides for -  
 com - fort of my soul. With the Sav - ior watch - ing  
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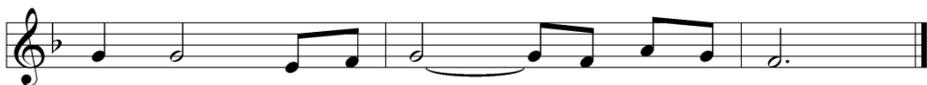
ev - er, Through e - ter - - nal years the same.  
 o'er me, I can sing, though thun - ders roll.  
 vi - sion Face to face my Lord I see.

*Refrain*

Oh, the height and depth of mer - cy; Oh, the



length and breadth of love! Oh, the full - ness of re -



demp - tion, Pledge of end - less life a - bove!

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1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



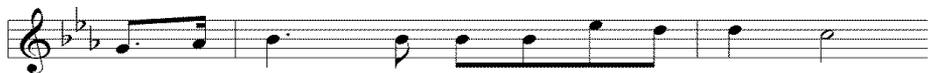
Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.  
 Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;  
 When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.  
 O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.  
 When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,  
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;  
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;  
 I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.  
 You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,  
 Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;  
 Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

# 749 The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me

1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is  
 2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My  
 3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The

more than mind can know, His  
 self - re - gard - ing ways; The  
 heav - ens held their breath, To

mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To  
 se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie  
 see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A

meet the debt I owe, He  
 bare the be - fore his gaze, For  
 love that con - quers death, Pos -

came my sin - ful cause to plead; He  
 me the price of sin he paid; My  
 sess my heart that it may be Your

laid his glo - ries by, For  
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me a home - less life to lead, A  
 all a - like on Je - sus laid, He  
 Christ who died for love of me And

shame - ful death to die.  
 died to bear them all.  
 lives to be my friend.

*This hymn examines the true nature of God's grace. While human love is directed toward people and things that bring pleasure, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).*

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## KEEP GROWING IN FAITH...

### **WORSHIP every Sunday**

- 9:00 AM Traditional
- 11:00 AM Contemporary

### **GROW GROUPS each week**

- 7:00 PM Mondays (Zoom)
- 7:00 PM Wednesday (Zoom)

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