



August 3, 2025

Prelude

Goodness of God instrumental

arr. Jason Hoard

I love you, Lord
Oh your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life you have been faithful
All my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest nights
You are close like no other
I've known you as a father
I've known you as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,
I give you everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Silent meditation

Teach me to walk in humility before You,
conscious of my weakness,
my finiteness,
my limitations,
that I may make the most
of the time I have been given.

—Ryan Whitaker Smith & Dan Wilt, *Endless Grace*, Psalm 90

So we and all things pass,
And God endures beyond us. Yet he cares
For our brief lives, his loving tenderness

Extends to all his creatures, our swift years
Are precious in his sight.

—Malcolm Guite, *David's Crown*, Psalm 90

The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and **we fly away.**

Psalm 90:10

** Please rise in body and/or in spirit.*

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-5

Elder Gary Knapp

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

** I'll Fly Away*

by Albert E. Brumley

1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er___ I'll fly a-
2. When the shad - ows of this life have grown I'll fly a-
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then___ I'll fly a-

way. To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a -
way. Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, I'll fly a -
way. To a land where joys shall nev - er end, I'll fly a -

way.
way. I'll fly a - way, O glo - ry, I'll fly a - way.
way

When I die, hal - le - lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a - way.

*** Invocation**

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession Psalm 61:1-3

Hear my cry, O God,
listen to my prayer;
from the end of the earth I call to you
when my heart is faint.
Lead me to the rock
that is higher than I,
for you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness Psalm 59:16-17

But I will sing of your strength;
I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been to me a fortress
and a refuge in the day of my distress.
O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,
for you, O God, are my fortress,
the God who shows me steadfast love.

Church bags are available in the foyer for 4- to 6-year olds who need some quiet activities during the sermon.

* *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

words by Elizabeth C. Clephane
music by Christopher Miner

Harmony >
(optional)

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my
2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus my eyes at times can
3. I take, O cross, thy sha - dow for my a - bid - ing

Melody >

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3. I take, O cross, the sha - dow for my a - bid - ing

stand see place. The sha - dow of a wea - ry for
The One ask who suff - in er there than His

stand see place The sha - dow of a migh - ty rock with - in a wear - y
The ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for
I ask no o - there sun - shine than the sun - shine of His

land me face. A home of rest up - on the
And from my to heart know no gain or

land me face A home with - in the wild - er - ness a rest up - on the
And from my smit - ten heart with tears two won - ders I con -
Con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or

way fess loss from the The My burn - ing won - ders sin - ful of self, the His my noon - tide glo - rious on - ly heat love shame; and the and my

bur - den of the day.
my un - worth - i - ness.
glo - ry all the cross.

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*fain = with pleasure; gladly

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Psalm 90

- ¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
- ² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- ³ You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
- ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.
- ⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
- ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
- ⁷ For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
- ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- ⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- ¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- ¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?
- ¹² So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- ¹³ Return, O Lord! How long?
Have pity on your servants!
- ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.
- ¹⁶ Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- ¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon The Beauty of an Old Hymn

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Main Idea *As Israel descends the depths of realization regarding their sin that caused their captivity, they look back into their story and appreciate the beauty of YHWH afresh.*

God (1,2)

Humanity (3-11)

Heart of Wisdom (12-17)

Further discussion/questions? andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org
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DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* *Hold to God's Unchanging Hand*

by Jennie Wilson



1. Time is filled with swift tran - si - tion,
2. Trust in him who will not leave you,
3. Co - vet not this vain world's ri - ches



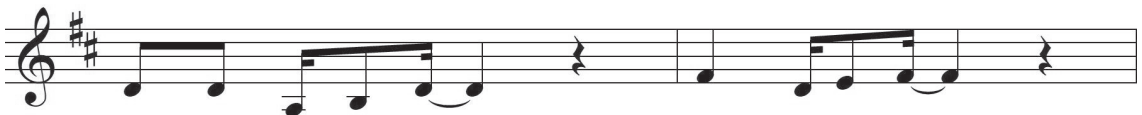
naught of earth___ un-moved___ can stand;
what - so - ev - er years___ may bring;
that so ea - si - ly___ de - cay.



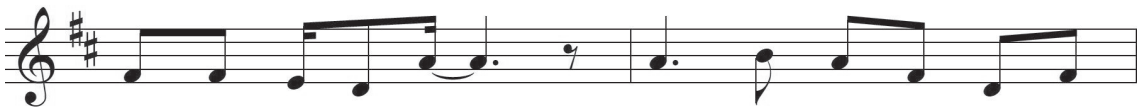
build your hopes on things e - ter - nal,
if by earth - ly friends for sa - ken,
Seek to gain the heav - n'ly trea - sures;



hold to God's un-chang-ing hand.
still more close - ly to him cling. Hold to his hand,
they are never gonna pass a - way.



God's un - chang-ing hand. Hold to his hand,



God's un - chang-ing hand. Build your hopes on things e -



ter - nal. Hold to God's un-chang-ing hand. Public Domain

Invitation to the Lord's Table *Trays will be passed through the rows. The bread served is gluten free, and the grape juice served is pasteurized. Hold the bread or cup until all are served and we'll partake together.*

During the passing of the bread

Psalm 90: O God, the Rock of Ages ensemble

from the Sacred Harp, arr. Susan Guerra

O God, the Rock of Ages,
who evermore hast been,
what time the tempest rages,
our dwelling place serene:
before thy first creations,
O Lord, the same as now,
to endless generations
the Everlasting Thou!

Our years are like the shadows
on sunny hills that lie,
or grasses in the meadows
that blossom but to die;
a sleep, a dream, a story
by strangers quickly told,
an unremaining glory
of things that soon are old.

O thou who canst not slumber,
whose light grows never pale,
teach us aright to number
our years before they fail;
on us thy mercy lighten,
on us thy goodness rest,
and let thy Spirit brighten
the hearts thyself hast blessed.

Lord, crown our faith's endeavor
with beauty and with grace,
till, clothed in light forever,
we see thee face to face:
a joy no language measures;
a fountain brimming o'er;
an endless flow of pleasures;
an ocean without shore.

During the passing of the cup

Psalm 90: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

piano

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood,
and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *spoken together*

You, Christ, are the bread of heaven, the cup of salvation, and we give you glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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Missionary Greeting

Confex Makhkira
Church planter in Malawi

Prayers of the People

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Offertory *Graves into Gardens*

Song leaders

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then you came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in your love

Congregation

Brandon Lake, Chris Brown,
Steven Furtick and Tiffany Hammer



Oh, there's noth - ing bet - ter than you. There's

noth - ing bet - ter than you. Lord, there's noth - ing,

noth - thing is bet - ter than you. _____

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Song leaders

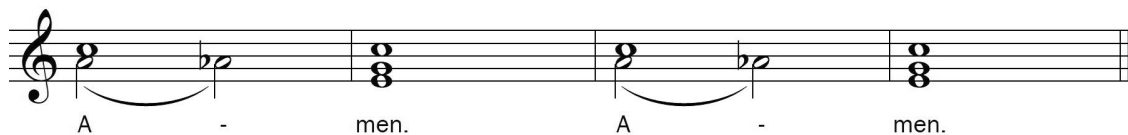
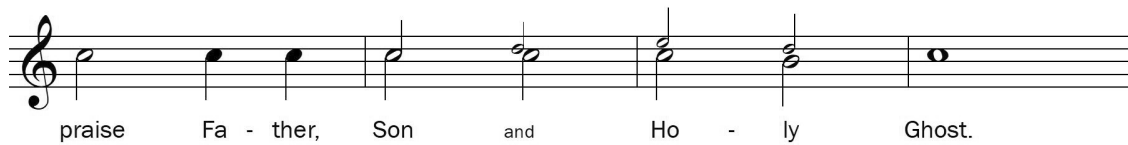
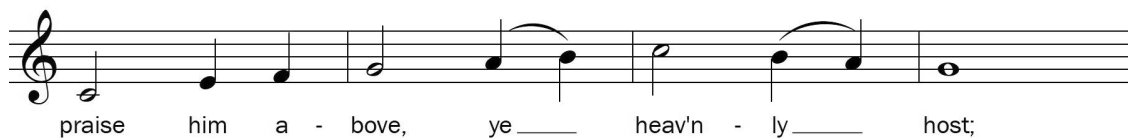
I'm not afraid to show you my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord you've seen them all
And you still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
There's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

to Chorus

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can
You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can

to Chorus

** New Doxology*



* Benediction

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward
and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.

* *And All the People Said Amen!*

And all the people said “Amen!”
Oh, and all the people said “Amen.”
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends.
And all the people said “Amen!”

* Postlude

Worship musicians

Betsy Bray, song leader & piano
Leah Quinn, song leader
Sarah Helder, violin
Susan Guerra, mandolin & piano

Rob LaPlaca, guitar
Judah Guerra, bass
John Bratt, drums