



September 6, 2026
9:30 am Worship Service



Today's Speaker: Lincoln Fitch, Ruling Elder
Worship Leader: Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder
Organist: Courtney Brooke

PRELUDE

Rise My Soul, the Lord is Risen

◇ A time of quiet preparation

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 23:1-2 (ESV)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**
HYMN OF PRAISE 87

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Leader: Father, in your wisdom, you govern your people through people. You have set leaders over your people for their care, instruction, governance, and example. At times we have grumbled like Israel in the wilderness, complained, and hardened our hearts toward their counsel. Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

People: Too often we who lead have failed to live up to the standard your Word sets for us. At times, we, like Moses, have grumbled that the burden is too great for us. Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Micah 7:18-19 (ESV)

Leader: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

People: 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, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell¹. 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 catholic² church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

¹meaning the God-forsaken state of Jesus in his suffering, death, and burial. ²meaning universal

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Oh, My Soul
Rise My Soul, the Lord is Risen
Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD’S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/CHORAL OFFERTORY *How Firm a Foundation/* arr. D. Marsh

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 5:1-6 (ESV)

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ²shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.

SERMON

The Way Up is Under
Lincoln Fitch

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

There is a Redeemer

Please Note: An elder is available in the rear of the sanctuary during communion to pray with you regarding any needs or issues in your life. On odd-numbered months we go forward; on even-numbered months we remain seated for communion.

Both wine and juice are offered. Clear cups in the outer rim of the communion tray contain grape juice. All other (pink) cups contain wine.

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **600**

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

87 - The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill,
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Oh My Soul

Father of mercy, King of all kings,
Even in darkness I will sing, I will sing

'Cause I've been set free- running out of the grave
Set free- all my sin washed away
Set free- breaking out of the chains and I'm alive!
Oh, my soul, lift up the name of the One who saves
He reigns forever
Oh, my soul, lift up Your praise, I will rise and bless the Lord
Oh my soul, oh my soul
Oh my soul, oh my soul
High as the heavens, deep as the sea
How great Your love That rescued me, rescued me

'Cause I've been set free- running out of the grave
Set free- all my sin washed away
Set free- breaking out of the chains and I'm alive!
Oh, my soul, lift up the name of the One who saves
He reigns forever
Oh, my soul, lift up Your praise, I will rise and bless the Lord
Oh my soul, oh my soul
Oh my soul, oh my soul

I will sing your goodness, I will sing your grace
I will love you all my days, all my days (repeat)

Oh, my soul, lift up the name of the One who saves, He reigns forever
Oh, my soul, lift up Your praise, I will rise and bless the Lord (repeat)

Oh my soul, oh my soul
Oh my soul, oh my soul

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Rise My Soul The Lord Is Risen

Rise my soul, the Lord is risen
Come behold the empty grave
See the place where darkness laid Him
Sing for only hope remains
Hallelujah, praise forever
Death defeated and life restored
By that great immortal power
Christ is risen, arise my soul

Rest my soul, the Lord is risen
Love's redeeming work is done
Now the Father sees His children
As He sees His sinless Son
Oh the wonder, oh the glory
That same favor is now my own
Shame behind me grace before me
Christ is risen, arise my soul

Arise my soul, arise my soul
Arise my soul, arise my soul

Peace my soul, the Lord is risen
Come and have your hope renewed
For this trial is brief and fleeting
Tears will turn to glory soon
Shout with joy and sound the triumph
Let the music of heaven roar
Let the boast of death be silent
Christ is risen, arise my soul

Arise my soul, for I am risen
Seated now with Christ my Lord
As my life belongs to heaven
Fear shall hold its sway no more
Onward, upward, toward the treasure
Filled with courage and endless hope
For this truth is mine forever
Christ is risen, arise my soul
For this truth is mine forever
Christ is risen, arise my soul

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Thank You, Jesus, For the Blood

I was a wretch; I remember who I was.
I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time.

Sin separated, the breach was far too wide,
but from the far side of the chasm,
You held me in your sight.

So You made a way across the great divide,
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside.

There at the cross You paid the debt I owed.
Broke my chains, freed my soul,
For the first time I had hope.

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank you, Jesus, You have saved my life,
brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin.
You were buried for three days,
but then You walked right out again.

And now death has no sting and life has no end
for I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb.

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank you, Jesus, You have saved my life,
brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

There is nothing stronger than the wonder working power of the blood,
the blood
that calls us sons and daughters.
We are ransomed by our Father through the blood,
the blood (repeat)

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank you, Jesus, You have saved my life,
brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

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There is a Redeemer

There Is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Ho--ly One.

Thank You, oh my Father
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
O for sinners slain.

Thank You, oh my Father
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory,
I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy place.

Thank You, oh my Father
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
'til the work on earth is done.

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600 - He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful foll'wer I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done,
when, by thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.