



Gracehill  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Sunday, July 5, 2020

**Introductory Song - *This is My Father's World***

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

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

This is my Father's world, should my heart be ever sad?  
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring. God reigns, let the earth be glad  
This is my Father's world! Now closer to heaven bound  
For dear to God is the earth Christ trod. No place but is holy ground

This is my Father's world, O let me not forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet  
This is my Father's world! the battle is not done  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied and earth and heav'n be one

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship - *from Psalm 27 and John 4.23***

LEADER: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

ALL: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

LEADER: We desire to live in God's house, And to seek God in his holy temple.

ALL: We have come with shouts of joy, To sing and to make music to the Lord.

LEADER: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

ALL: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths, In this time of worship and always.

**Song - *Yet Not I but Christ through Me***

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

Chorus 1

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

Chorus 2

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

Chorus 3

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

Chorus 4

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, Yet not I, but through Christ in me

**Prayer of Adoration** (concluding with the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Call to Confession** - *Proverbs 28.13*

Whoever conceals his transgressions  
will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them  
will obtain mercy.

**Prayer of Confession** (followed by Silent Confession)

Eternal Father, you are good beyond all thought, but we are sinful and blind. Our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel and our ways reluctant to amend. We bring our souls to you. Break them, wound them, bend them, mold them. Unmask to us sin's deformity, that we may hate it, abhor it, flee from it.

Our sins we mourn, lament, and for them cry, "Pardon." Work in us more profound and abiding repentance; give us the fullness of a godly grief which is ever powerful, and ever confident; grant that our repentance will enable us to see more clearly the brightness and glory of the cross of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness** - *Acts 10.43*

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

**Affirmation of Faith:** *from the Heidelberg Catechism*

Q#1 What is your only comfort in life and death?

Answer: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**Sermon title** - *Not a Storm, but a River, part 1*

**Central text** - *Psalms 46*

1 God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

3 though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.

6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.

10 "Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!"

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Song - *A Mighty Fortress is our God***

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,  
A Bulwark never failing;  
Our Helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing: For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, And, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing:  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth His Name, From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim, We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through Him who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
His Kingdom is forever.

**Benediction** - *Psalm 46.10-11*

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**Doxology**