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JESUS IS THE FOCUS HEBREWS 12:2



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020 - 10:45 AM

SPECIAL LIVE STREAM WORSHIP FOLDER

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRE-WORSHIP SONG

“You Never Let Go”

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear.
And even when I’m caught in the middle of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back I know You are near.

Pre-Chorus

And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me. And if my God is with me,
Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus

Oh no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go in ev’ry high and ev’ry low.
Oh no You never let go, Lord You never let go of me.

And I can see the light that is coming for a heart that holds on.
A glorious light beyond all compare.
And there will be an end to these troubles but until that day comes,
We’ll live to know You here on the earth.

Pre-Chorus

And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me. And if my God is with me,
Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus

Oh no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm. Oh no, You never let go in
ev’ry high and ev’ry low. Oh no You never let go, Lord You never let go of me.

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on.
And there will be an end to these troubles but until that day comes, still I will praise You,
Still I will praise You. *(Chorus 1)*

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WELCOME

***THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: At the very beginning of this time of worship, let us humbly come before
our good God and confess our need for Him.

Leader: O Good and Gracious God,

People: We confess that our sins are more than simple obstacles in our lives. Not only do they ruin our relationships, but they lead us down a track of death and ultimate destruction. *Without* Your grace and power, we would be lost forever and eternally condemned. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, empower us, and lead us to walk with You and delight in Your way. Amen.

Leader: Friends in Christ, our Savior is Good and He gets us through all things. In the goodness and mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake, God forgives you all of your sins and grants you eternal glory with Him. As a servant of the Word and by Christ's authority, I therefore declare to you the full forgiveness of all your sins, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Hymn 549

(sts. 1, 3 & 4)

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
[Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.]**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
[Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.]**

**Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
[The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.]**

***OPENING VERSICLES**

Leader: It is the Lord who made the earth by His power, who established the world by His wisdom, and by His understanding stretched out the heavens. *(Jeremiah 10:12)*

People: Ah, Lord GOD! It is You who have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for You. *(Jeremiah 32:17)*

Leader: Christ's divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life

People: through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. *(2 Peter 1:3)*

Leader: Jesus' power helps us do hard things.

People: I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. *(Philippians 4:13)*

Leader: Jesus' power gives us hope.

People: So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord.
(Psalm 31:24)

Leader: Jesus' power helps us be bold.

People: He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. *(Isaiah 40:29)*

Leader: Jesus' power lets us live forever.

People: The Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you. *(Romans 8:11)*

Leader: Jesus' power helps us be good friends

People: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. *(John 15:12)*

All: Glory be the Father and to the Son (+) and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

***SONG OF THE DAY** "Yesterday, Today and Forever"

Verse 1

**Everlasting God, The years go by but You're unchanging
In this fragile world, You are the only firm foundation
Always loving always true, Always merciful and good, So good**

Chorus 1

**Yesterday today and forever, You are the same You never change
Yesterday today and forever, You are faithful and we will trust in You
We will trust in You**

Verse 2

**Uncreated One, You have no end and no beginning
Earthly powers fade, But there is no end to Your kingdom
Always loving always true, Always merciful and good, So good**

Chorus 2

**Yesterday today and forever, You are the same You never change
Yesterday today and forever, You are faithful and we will trust in You
We will trust in You, We will trust in You in You**

Chorus 3

Yesterday today and forever, You are the same You never change
Yesterday today and forever, You are faithful and we will trust in You
We will trust in You faithful God

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BIBLE VERSE OF THE DAY

Philippians 4:13, NLT

“For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”

THE FIRST READING

Acts 9:10-19

¹⁰In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord,” he answered. ¹¹The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.” ¹³“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. ¹⁶I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” ¹⁷Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord - Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here - has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:33-17:3

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth and seventeenth chapters.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³³“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

¹After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ²For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have

given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*SERMON HYMN

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

Hymn 722

Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessèd Friend;
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

THE SERMON

“Jesus' Power Helps Us Do Hard Things”

Acts 9:10-19

*CONFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

*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.

*THE BENEDICTION *(Ephesians 3:20-21)*

Pastor: Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

People: Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

Hymn 918

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.

**Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

***DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

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