



**JESUS IS THE FOCUS HEBREWS 12:2**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 17, 2020 - 10:45 AM  
SPECIAL LIVE STREAM WORSHIP FOLDER**

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

## **PRE-WORSHIP SONG**

### **“Christ In Me”**

**The same great light that broke the dark  
The same great peace that calmed the seas  
Hallelujah is living in me  
The same great love that gives us breath  
The same great power that conquered death  
Hallelujah is flowing through me**

#### **Pre-Chorus**

**What, what if I believed in Your power And I really lived it  
What, what if I believed Christ in me  
What if I believe *(2nd & 3rd times to Chorus 2)***

#### **Chorus 1**

**I would lay my worries down  
See these hills as level ground  
What if I believed Christ in me**

**The same great love that casts out fear  
The same compassion that draws us near  
Hallelujah is living in me yeah yeah  
The same great mercy that I received  
Amazing grace for a wretch like me  
Hallelujah is flowing through me  
Oh oh oh oh oh *(Pre-Chorus)***

#### **Chorus 2**

**I would lay my worries down  
See these hills as level ground  
What if I believed Christ in me  
Oh I would praise You with my life  
Let my story lift You high  
What if I believed Christ in me  
Oh what if I believed Christ in me *(Pre-Chorus)***

**Oh what if I believed Christ in me  
Oh, oh, oh!**

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## **WELCOME**

O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be Truly living, To You giving Prayer unceasing  
And in love be still increasing.

Give to Your Word impressive pow’r, That in our hearts from this good hour  
As fire it may be glowing,  
That in true Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be,  
Your glory ever showing.  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching; Let our preaching And our labor  
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning  
That we be faithful unto death And live in love and holy faith,  
From You true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace On us shower; By Your power Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior’s blessing.

**\*THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Please be seated or kneel.)*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins, As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**\*THE SONG OF PRAISE** “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” (sts. 1 & 3) *Hymn 650*

**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those of earth to thrones on high;  
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry;  
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.**

**\*THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. God our Father, You protect Your children from all that would harm our salvation. Give us the courage of faith and love toward You, that we have boldness to live for You and confess Your holy name before all; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**THE EPISTLE READING**

*1 Peter 3:13-22*

<sup>13</sup>Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.” <sup>15</sup>But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup>It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison <sup>20</sup>who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it

only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,<sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also - not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,<sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand - with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **\*THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 14:15-21, 25-26, ESV*

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter, verses 15-21.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

<sup>25</sup>“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **\*SERMON HYMN**

**“In the Garden”**

*C.A. Miles*

**I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.**

**Refrain**  
And He walks with me,  
And He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing. *REFRAIN*

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho' the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go thro' the voice of woe;  
His voice to me is calling. *REFRAIN*

**THE SERMON**    “Being a Keeper, Helped by the Spirit of Truth”    *John 14:15-21*

## **OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **\*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.

## **\*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**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

## **\*RECESSIONAL HYMN "Yesterday, Today and Forever"**

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

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

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

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

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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### **\*DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

### **POSTLUDE**

## **WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS**

### **SUNDAY, 10:45 AM**

The Preacher

The Liturgist

The Lector

The Organist

The Rev. Charles T. Reich

Vicar Brendon Moore

Carl Locke

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