



Living Praise Celebration
Online
Sunday, July 26, 2020

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Opening Hymn

“Just As I Am” – LSB 570

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am though tossed about
With many-a conflict many-a doubt
Fightings and fears within without
O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am poor, wretchèd, blind
Sight, riches, healing of the mind
Yea all I need in Thee to find
O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy Promise I believe
O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am Thy Love unknown
Hath broken ev’ry barrier down
Now to be Thine, yes, Thine alone
O Lamb of God I come I come

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Pastor: "The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand. (*Psalms 37:23-24*)

All: Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. (*Psalms 25:4-5*)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit;

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: To receive a vision for ministry, we must first know God.

All: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Lord, we have been unwise. We do not understand you, because we do not know you as you invite us to. (*Proverbs 9:10*)

Pastor: To receive a vision for ministry, we must also know ourselves.

All: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." I confess that I make it all about me, and not how you have made me to build up others. (*Psalms 139:14*)

Pastor: To receive a vision for ministry, we must know our circumstances.

All: "My times are in your hands." Who can understand these times we're in, LORD? I confess that I often forget you are in control. (*Psalms 31:15*)

-We pause to remember and repent of our sin-

Pastor: To receive from God a vision for ministry, what must we know?

All: God, ourselves, and our circumstances. "Let my cry come near before you, O LORD: give me understanding according to your word." (*Psalms 119:169*)

Gospel Reading: John 8:12-20

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

Then they asked him, "Where is your father?"

“You do not know me or my Father,” Jesus replied. “If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

Acts 9:1-8

SERMON

SONG

“Be the Centre”

Jesus be the centre
Be my source be my light
Jesus

Jesus be the centre
Be my hope be my song
Jesus

Chorus Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus Jesus

Jesus be my vision
Be my path be my guide
Jesus
CCLI Song # 2650429 Michael Frye

APOSTLES' CREED

All: 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. He will come again 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

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

NEXT STEPS

INVITATION TO PRAYER

BENEDICTION