

# *THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER*

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*Welcome to worship and Christian fellowship in the name of Jesus,  
who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.*

## *5th Sunday of Easter*

*May 18, 2025*

*11:00 AM*

### *Silent Preparation for Worship*

*Each new day to praise your name is a glorious gift, Lord. Thank you!*

#### *Welcome*

*\* Hymn of Praise #63 - "Praise Him! Praise Him!"*

*\* Call to Worship: (responsively)*

*Come and follow Jesus.*

**WE WOULD FOLLOW BUT WE WANT TO KNOW WHERE WE ARE GOING.**

*Come and follow Jesus. He will lead you where we are going.*

**WE WOULD FOLLOW BUT WE HAVE THINGS TO DO FIRST.**

*Come and follow Jesus. The commonwealth of God is your only task.*

**WE WOULD FOLLOW BUT WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF OUR THINGS?**

*Come and follow Jesus. The gift of God is abundant life, joyful and eternal.*

**WE WILL FOLLOW JESUS. AMEN.**

*\* Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

*\* Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

WE CONFESS TO YOU, LOVING CREATOR GOD, THAT WE HAVE NOT LIVED IN THE TRUTH THAT JESUS TOLD US. WE HAVE NOT CHOSEN YOUR REIGN BEFORE OUR SELFISH CONCERNS. WE HAVE NOT BECOME SERVANTS OF OTHERS. WE HAVE NOT SOUGHT TO LOSE OUR LIVES IN YOU, BUT RATHER WE HAVE CLUNG TO THE TRAPPINGS OF MORTAL EXISTENCE. WE HAVE CALLED JESUS OUR LORD BUT WE HAVE PLACED ALL MANNER OF PEOPLE AND THINGS AHEAD OF OUR SERVICE TO HIS REIGN OF LOVE AND JUSTICE.

FORGIVE US, AND BY THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, SO FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE AND POWER THAT WE WILL RESIST THE CALL OF EARTHLY THINGS AND SEEK INSTEAD THAT WHICH IS ETERNAL. AMEN

### Announcements

\* *Hymn of Preparation #520 - "O How I Love Jesus"*

*Easter Theme: "Resurrection Hope!"*

*Scripture: Psalm 148 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9,10-12,13)*

*John 13:31-35 (vv. 31,34-35)*

*Sermon- "The Resurrection Hope of Easter Allows Us to Praise the Glorified Lord & Love One Another!"*

### Lord's Prayer

\* *Doxology (#39)*

\* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

\* *Prayer*

\* *Closing Hymn #66 - "There's Something About That Name"*

\* *Choral Benediction: "Shalom to You"* (congregation)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

\* *Benediction (Pastor)*

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Please stand if able

### Church of the Master Ministries

<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 AM	<b>Worship Service</b> (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)
<b>Monday</b>	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	<b>Online Bible study:</b> Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 PM	<b>"Hour of Prayer Power"</b> virtual meeting
		The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860, code - 371231#
<b>Saturday</b>	12:00 noon	<b>Online Bible study:</b> Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

### The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Diane \* Elena Caldera \* Anne Dowling \* Jerry Kemps \* Jane Maze \* Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Nicky \* Tommy \* Cynthia \* Janet (friend of Mahon family) \* Beverly Morrison \* Robert Solimando \* John T \* Michael Campinello \* Michele \* Anthony \* Patti Zeig & John \* Stephanie \* Rev. Singletary \* Connie \* Pat Lynam \* Carole Mahon \* Loretta Byrd & Wendy \* Diante \* Damon George Hayden \* Allen Ford \* Alice & Alex Rivera \* Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers \* Rosa Stewart

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Halloway family \* Rosetta Grasso \* Jay Escobar & family \* Close friends of the Bungerts \* Sharon Alexander \* Damon & Alex and family \* Wintress \* Kiera & Avery & Martz family \* Tyler, Nicole & Jackson \* All caregivers \* everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction/Needing God's Presence in Their Lives:

Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa \* Devell \* Zachariah Bungert \* Diante Stinson \* Corey Streeter \* young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Prayers for World Concerns:

Concerns for job security for Federal workers \* An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the Middle East conflict \* An end to all the violence \* Peace and healing in our community and the nation \* COVID patients, families & all healthcare workers \* All first responders \* Our country's safety \* The future of our churches \* The President and his administration \* Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan \* Worldwide conflicts \* Sean Buckley & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

Kevin McCloud

### **PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:**

**Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.**

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

### **CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT**

*We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified, risen and coming again.*

# 63 — Praise Him! Praise Him!

FANNY J. CROSBY

CHESTER G. ALLEN

1. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! Sing, O  
 2. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! For our  
 3. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! Heav'n-ly

earth—His won-der-ful love pro - claim! Hail Him! hail Him! high-est arch-  
 sins He suf-fered and bled and died; He our Rock, our hope of e -  
 por - tals loud with ho-san - nas ring! Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign-eth for

an - gels in glo - ry, Strength and hon - or give to His ho - ly name!  
 ter - nal sal - va - tion, Hail Him! hail Him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.  
 ev - er and ev - er, Crown Him! crown Him! Proph-et and Priest and King!

Like a shep - herd Je - sus will guard His chil - dren— In His arms He  
 Sound His prais - es— Je - sus who bore our sor - rows— Love un - bound-ed,  
 Christ is com - ing, o - ver the world vic - to - rious— Pow'r and glo - ry

REFRAIN

car - ries them all day long:  
 won-der-ful, deep and strong: Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His  
 un - to the Lord be - long:

ex - cel-lent great - ness! Praise Him! praise Him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

# The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

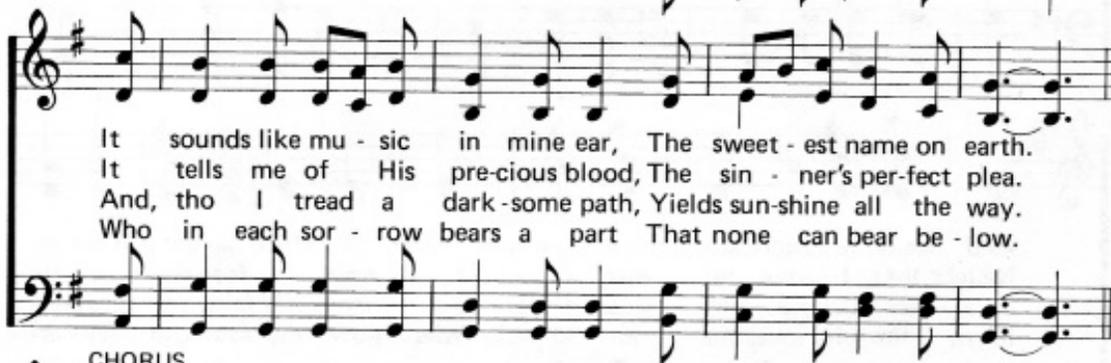
# Ó How I Love Jesus — 520

FREDERICK WHITFIELD

American melody  
Arr. by John W. Peterson

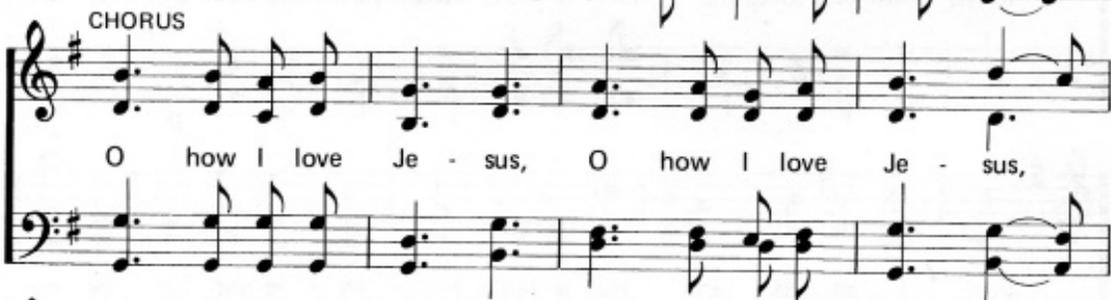


1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
2. It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, Who died to set me free;  
3. It tells me what my Fa-ther hath In store for ev-'ry day,  
4. It tells of One whose lov-ing heart Can feel my deep-est woe,

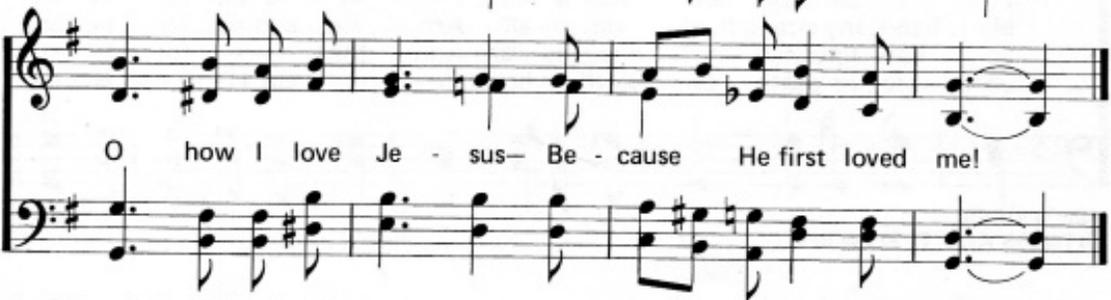


It sounds like mu-sic in mine ear, The sweet-est name on earth.  
It tells me of His pre-cious blood, The sin-ner's per-fect plea.  
And, tho I tread a dark-some path, Yields sun-shine all the way.  
Who in each sor-row bears a part That none can bear be-low.

CHORUS



O how I love Je-sus, O how I love Je-sus,



O how I love Je-sus— Be-cause He first loved me!

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WITNESS AND TESTIMONY

**Psalm 148 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13)**  
**John 13: 31-35 (vv. 31, 34-35)**

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his host!

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup> He established them forever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be  
passed.

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,

<sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup> Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

<sup>12</sup> Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful, for the people of Is-  
rael who are close to him.

**Praise the LORD!**

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<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

<sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, <sup>[i]</sup> God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’

<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

# There's Something About That Name — 66

GLORIA GAITHER and  
WILLIAM J. GAITHER

WILLIAM J. GAITHER

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus; There's just some-thing a - bout that

name! Mas-ter, Sav-ior, Je - sus, Like the fra-grance

aft-er the rain; Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus, Let all

heav-en and earth pro - claim: Kings and king-doms will

all pass a - way, But there's some-thing a - bout that name!

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