

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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*Please be assured that each worshiper is welcome here in God's house.
Let us all worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.*

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost Homecoming Sunday

September 20, 2026

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

*Quicken us, Lord, that we may be fully aware of your presence during
this time we set aside each week to worship you.*

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #542 - "Jesus Loves Even Me"*

** Call to Worship: (responsively)*

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

WHAT DID GOD DO TO HELP US?

God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning.

**THEY RECEIVED GOD'S COVENANT AND PREPARED THE WAY FOR JESUS TO
COME AS OUR SAVIOR.**

Let us call upon our one true God believing in our own hearts,

**CONFESSING WITH OUR MOUTHS AND WORSHIPPING HIM IN SPIRIT AND
TRUTH. PRAISE THE LORD!**

** Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

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

Call to Confession

MOST GRACIOUS AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS TO YOU AND TO ONE ANOTHER THAT TIME AFTER TIME WE ENTERED INTO YOUR PRESENCE WITH COUNTLESS PRAYERS, BUT OUR HEARTS HAVE BEEN CLOSED TO YOUR GRACE. WE HAVE LIFTED OUR HANDS TO YOU IN PRAISE, BUT WE HAVE STILL WALKED IN THE WAYS OF EVIL. WE HAVE REHEARSED YOUR COMMANDMENTS, BUT HAVE REFUSED TO SEE YOUR GRACE IN THE NEEDS OF OUR NEIGHBORS. WE PRAY, LORD, THAT YOU FORGIVE OUR LACK OF FAITH AND PARDON OUR ACTS OF INJUSTICE. GRANT US THE HEALING THAT COMES FROM YOUR PRESENCE AND THE CLEANSING OF YOUR ALLPOWERFUL WORD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

Announcements

* *Hymn of Preparation #285 - "If I Gained the World"*

Pentecost Theme: "Pentecost Power Unleashed!"

Scripture: Jonah 3:10-4:11 (vv. 3:10,4:1-3,4-5,6-8,9-11)

Matthew 20:1-16 (vv. 1-3,4-6,7-9,10-12,13,14-16)

Sermon- "Pentecost Power Unleashed: Reveals to Us God's Mind, Heart, and Steadfast Love Towards Us and that God Has No Respect of Persons!"

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

* *Closing Hymn #519- "Love Lifted Me"*

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)*

* Please stand if able

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st Sunday of each month)
	12:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" in Hahn Hall.
Monday	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
Thursday	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
Saturday	12:00 noon	Online Bible study: 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:

Casey * Diane * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Kevin Martz's sister-in-law Rosanne * Debbie Mahon * Kevin * Alana & Kathryn Ingram * Jim Mahon * Owen * Mildred Shannon * Theo Beksha * Lester * Maddie * Jeannie * Ed Bungert * Catherine Gomez * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Danielle * Carole Mahon * Pat * Rev. Liz Brantum * Frank & Sean Font * Sharon Alexander * Rosa Stewart * Damon Hayden * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * Patti Zeig * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera *

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Rob & family * Cintron family * Pat's family * Heather * Donny & Carolyn Rosemond * Jay Escobar & family * 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:

Heather * Zachariah Bungert * Ed & Marnie Reidy and their sons * Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Richard

Prayers for World Concerns:

The deaths and destruction from the hurricanes and earthquakes around the world * An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the war with Iran * An end to all the violence * Peace and healing in our community and the nation * 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 and all active-duty members & their families

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

Roberta D'Orio * Don Radcliff

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

Today is our *Annual Homecoming Sunday Celebration*. Join us for a light lunch following the worship service in Hahn Hall.

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,

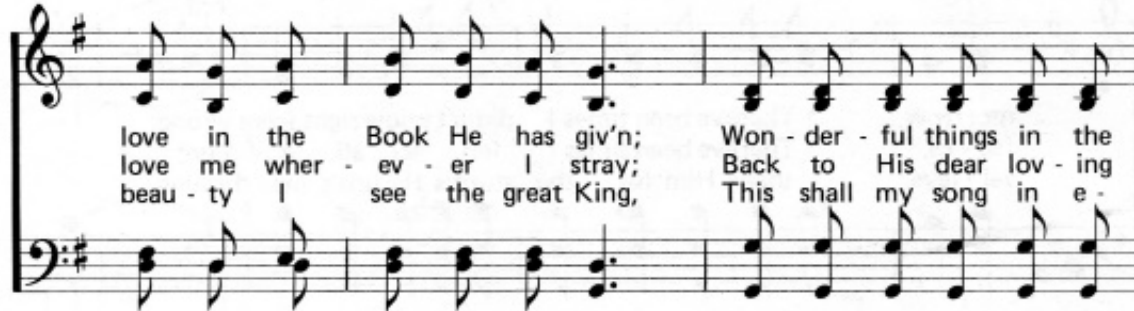
Jesus Loves Even Me — 542

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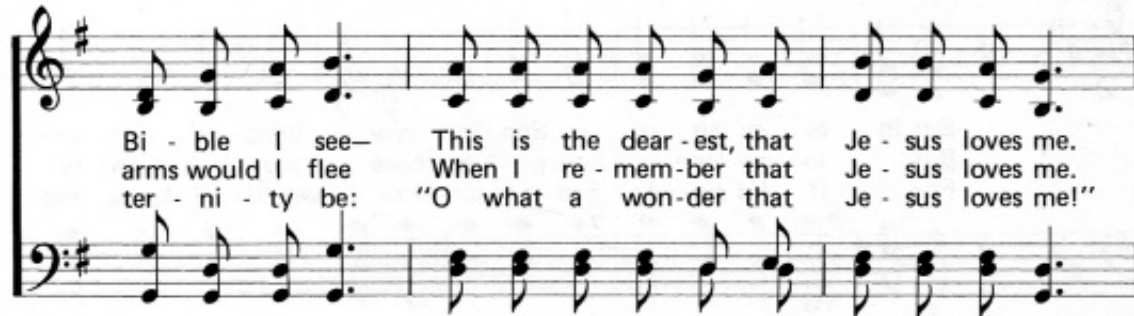
PHILIP P. BLISS



1. I am so glad that our Fa - ther in heav'n 'Tells of His
 2. Tho I for - get Him and wan - der a - way, Still He doth
 3. O if there's on - ly one song I can sing When in His

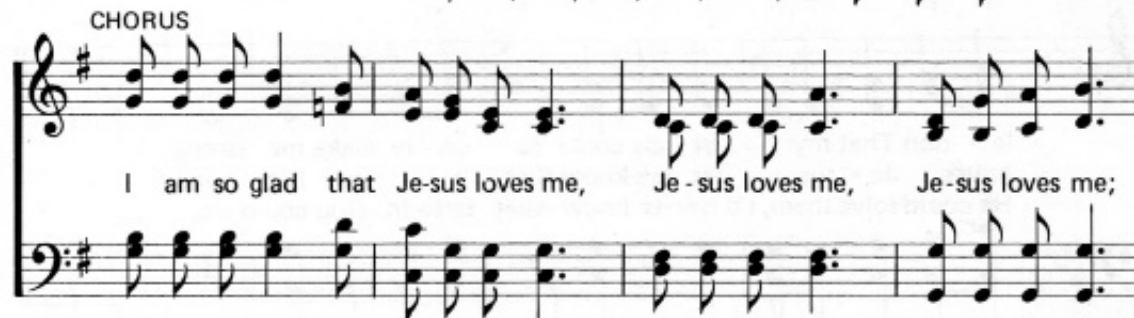


love in the Book He has giv'n; Won - der - ful things in the
 love me wher - ev - er I stray; Back to His dear lov - ing
 beau - ty I see the great King, This shall my song in e -



Bi - ble I see— This is the dear - est, that Je - sus loves me.
 arms would I flee When I re - mem - ber that Je - sus loves me.
 ter - ni - ty be: "O what a won - der that Je - sus loves me!"

CHORUS



I am so glad that Je - sus loves me, Je - sus loves me, Je - sus loves me;



I am so glad that Je - sus loves me, Je - sus loves e - ven me.

WITNESS AND TESTIMONY

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.**

285 — If I Gained the World

Based on Luke 9:25

ANNA ÖLANDER (composite translation)

Swedish melody

1. If I gained the world, but lost the Sav - ior, Were my life worth
 2. Had I wealth and love in full - est meas - ure, And a name re -
 3. O what emp - ti - ness with - out the Sav - ior Mid the sins and
 4. O the joy of hav - ing all in Je - sus! What a balm the

liv - ing for a day? Could my yearn - ing heart find rest and
 vered both far and near, Yet no hope be - yond, no har - bor
 sor - rows here be - low! And e - ter - ni - ty, how dark with -
 bro - ken heart to heal! Ne'er a sin so great but He'll for -

com - fort In the things that soon must pass a - way?
 wait - ing Where my storm - tossed ves - sel I could steer—
 out Him— On - ly night and tears and end - less woe!
 give it, Nor a sor - row that He does not feel!

If I gained the world, but lost the Sav - ior, Would my gain be
 If I gained the world, but lost the Sav - ior Who en - dured the
 What tho I might live with - out the Sav - ior, When I come to
 If I have but Je - sus, on - ly Je - sus, Noth - ing else in

worth the life - long strife? Are all earth - ly pleas - ures worth com -
 cross and died for me, Could then all the world af - ford a
 die, how would it be? O to face the val - ley's gloom with -
 all the world be - side, O then ev - 'ry - thing is mine in

par - ing For a mo - ment with a Christ - filled life?
 ref - uge With - er in my an - guish I might flee?
 out Him! And with - out Him all e - ter - ni - ty!
 Je - sus— For my needs and more He will pro - vide.

Jonah 3:10-4:11 (vv. 3:10; 4:1-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-11)

Matthew 20:1-16 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13, 14-16)

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

4 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

⁴ And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush, ^[a] and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, ^[a] he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace;

⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’

⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ^[b]

¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ^[c] ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’ ^[d]

¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ^[e] ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

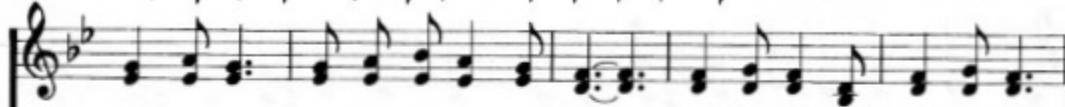
519 — Love Lifted Me

JAMES ROWE

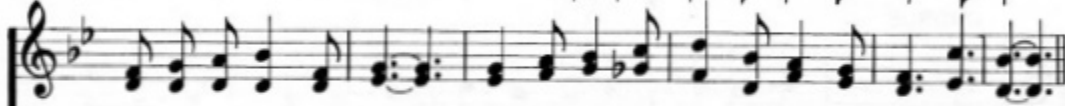
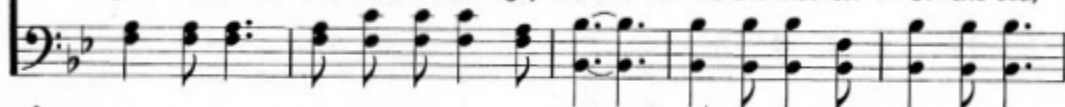
HOWARD E. SMITH



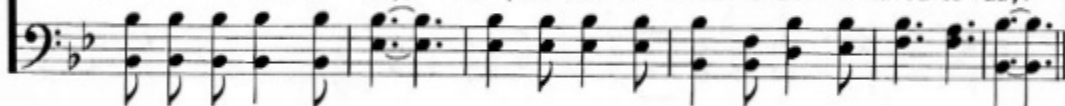
1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peace-ful shore, Ver-y deep-ly
2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev-er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed
3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you



stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas-ter of the sea
 pres-ence live, Ev-er His prais-es sing. Love so might-y and so true
 by His love Out of the an-gry waves. He's the Mas-ter of the sea,



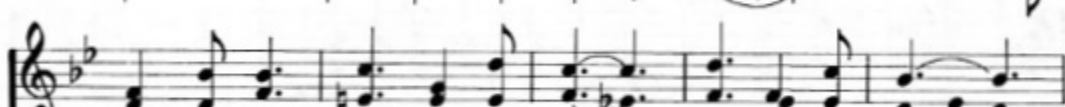
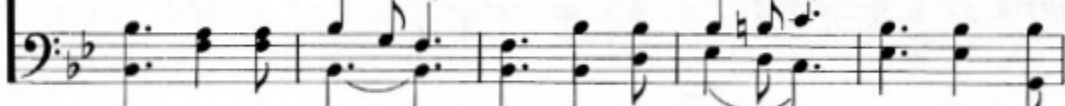
Heard my de-spair-ing cry, From the wa-ters lift-ed me—Now safe am I.
 Mer-its my soul's best songs; Faith-ful, lov-ing serv-ice too To Him be-longs.
 Bil-lows His will o-bey; He your Sav-ior wants to be—Be saved to-day.



CHORUS



Love lift-ed me, Love lift-ed me; When noth-ing
 e-ven me, e-ven me;



else could help, Love lift-ed me. Love lift-ed me,
 e-ven me,



Love lift-ed me; When noth-ing else could help, Love lift-ed me.
 e-ven me;

