

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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The author of Psalm 122 wrote, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (verse 1). May the same spirit of gladness be in the hearts of all who have come here to worship. We joyfully welcome you all.

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 27, 2026

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

*Lord, may the fire of your love touch each of us gathered in this sanctuary.
May we all be energized to seek and to do your will.*

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #16 - "How Great Thou Art"*

** Call to Worship: (in unison)*

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD, FALL FRESH ON US TODAY. WE CALL ON YOU THROUGH THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. DESCEND ON OUR HEARTS IN THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP IN A FRESH WAY TO EMPOWER US, TO REFRESH US, TO MOTIVATE US. HOW WE NEED YOUR PRESENCE TO KEEP US FROM BECOMING COLD, ROUTINE AND MECHANICAL IN OUR PRAISE. HOW WE NEED YOUR VITALITY TO ENABLE US TO SING JOYFULLY. HOW WE NEED YOUR SPIRIT TO COMPREHEND AND APPLY THE TRUTHS OF SCRIPTURE WE WILL HEAR THIS HOUR. HELP US TO ENTER ENTHUSIASTICALLY INTO SPIRIT-FILLED LIVES ALL THIS WEEK. THIS WE PRAY IN THE NAME OF CHRIST BY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT WHO FILLS US WITH PRAISE AND LIFE. AMEN.

** Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

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

Call to Confession

CREATOR OF THE WAY, FINDER OF THE LOST, GUIDE OF THE TRUSTING, WE
CONFESS THAT WE ARE HELPLESS TO SAVE OURSELVES; THAT WE HAVE BEEN
WILLFUL, AND HAVE LEFT THE WAY EVEN WHEN WE HAVE SEEN IT CLEARLY;
THAT WE HAVE HARASSED OTHERS AS THEY HAVE HARASSED US; THAT SELF-
CONTROL MIGHT HAVE SPARED US SOME OF OUR ILLNESSES; AND THAT OUR
WEAKNESSES CAN BE OVERCOME ONLY BY THE HEALTH AND STRENGTH YOU
CAN GIVE IN SPIRIT AND BODY. FORGIVE OUR SINS, HEAL OUR DISEASES.
HAVE PITY ON US AS DID JESUS OF NAZARETH. AMEN

Announcements

* *Hymn of Preparation #319 - "Blessed Assurance"*

Pentecost Theme: "Pentecost Power Unleashed!"

Scripture: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 (vv.1-3,4,25-27,28-30,31-32)

Matthew 21:23-32 (vv.23-25,26-28,29-31,32)

*Sermon- "Pentecost Power Unleashed: Makes Us Mindful of the
Power, the Will and the Ways of God!"*

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

* *Closing Hymn #392 - "More About Jesus"*

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

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,

16 — How Great Thou Art!

STUART K. HINE

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1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When thru the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

all the *worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y
 die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross, my bur - den
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble

*roll - ing thun - der, Thy pow'r thru - out the un - i - verse dis - played!
 moun - tain gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze,
 glad - ly bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin!
 ad - o - ra - tion And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art!

CHORUS

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee: How great Thou

*Composer's original words are "works" and "mighty."

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art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior
 God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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.**

Blessed Assurance — 319

FANNY J. CROSBY

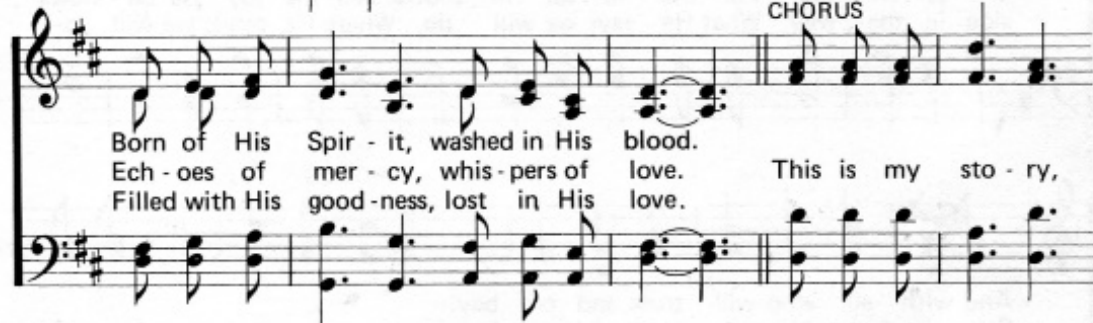
PHOEBE P. KNAPP



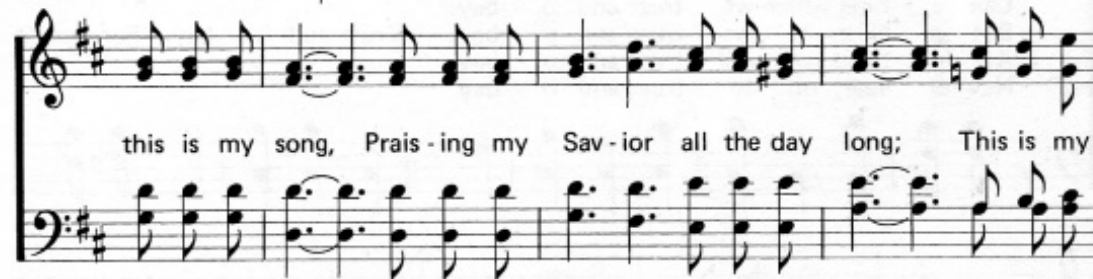
1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion—all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am



glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
 hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,



CHORUS
 Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.
 Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
 Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.



this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my



sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

ASSURANCE AND TRUST

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32 (vv. 1-3, 4, 25-27, 28-30, 31-32)

Matthew 21: 23—32 (vv. 23-25, 26-28, 29-31, 32)

The word of the LORD came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel.

⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.

²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ^[c]

³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’

²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

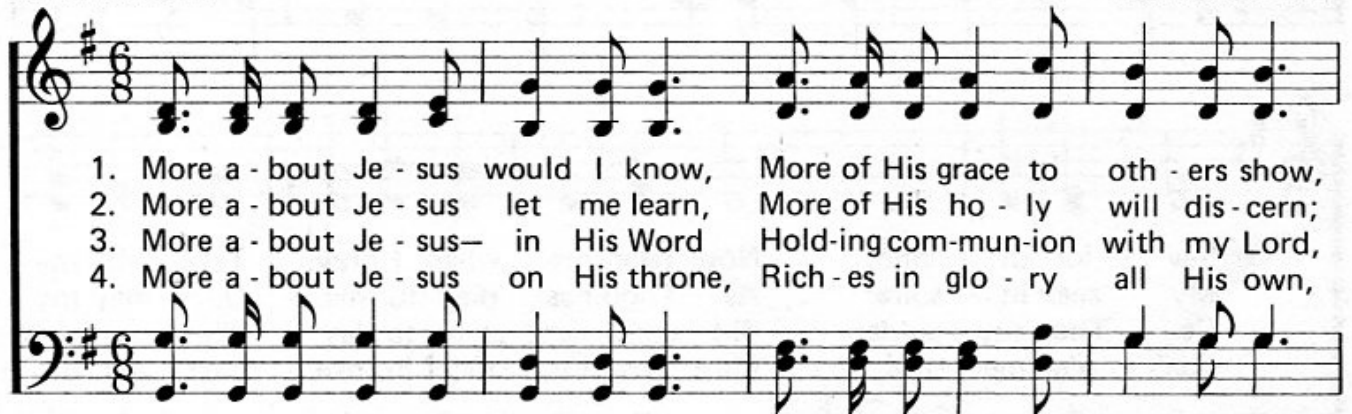
²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father^[a] went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

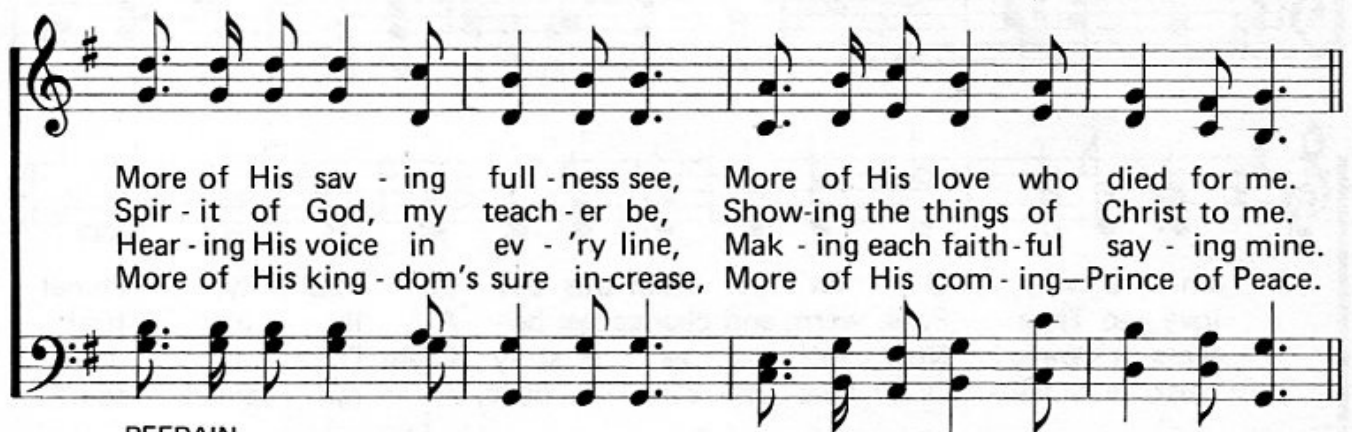
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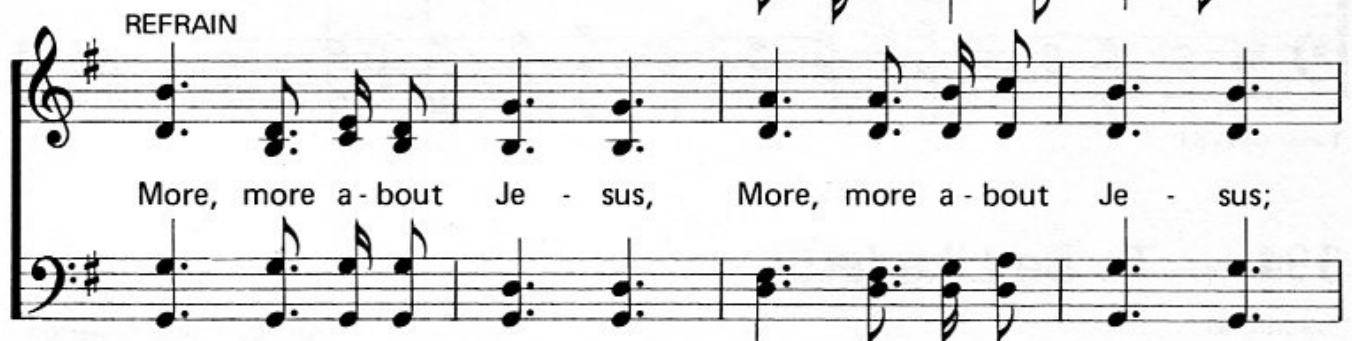


1. More a - bout Je - sus would I know, More of His grace to oth - ers show,
 2. More a - bout Je - sus let me learn, More of His ho - ly will dis - cern;
 3. More a - bout Je - sus— in His Word Hold - ing com - mun - ion with my Lord,
 4. More a - bout Je - sus on His throne, Rich - es in glo - ry all His own,



More of His sav - ing full - ness see, More of His love who died for me.
 Spir - it of God, my teach - er be, Show - ing the things of Christ to me.
 Hear - ing His voice in ev - 'ry line, Mak - ing each faith - ful say - ing mine.
 More of His king - dom's sure in - crease, More of His com - ing—Prince of Peace.

REFRAIN



More, more a - bout Je - sus, More, more a - bout Je - sus;



More of His sav - ing full - ness see, More of His love who died for me!

ASPIRATION