



Riverside Congregational Church
July 18, 2021

8th Sunday of Pentecost

Call to Worship

Leader: As God is our shepherd, we need nothing else.

**All: We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters,
which renews and refreshes our spirits.**

Leader: God guides us along paths of righteousness

**All: And walks with us through shadowed valleys so we are not
afraid. The shepherd's staff comforts us.**

Call to Worship

Leader: God set the banquet table for us in the presence of our enemies.

There, we're anointed with oil and our cup overflows.

**All: Goodness and mercy shall never depart from us
as long as we dwell in the house of God.**

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside
still waters;
he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's
sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort
me.

Psalm 23

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you
You alone are my strength and shield; to you alone may spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye
You alone are my strength and shield; to you alone may spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you



As the Deer

You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are
a king

I love you more than any other, so much more than anything
You alone are my strength and shield; to you alone may spirit
yield

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you



2 Samuel 7: 1-14

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.

2 Samuel 7: 1-14

Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.

2 Samuel 7: 1-14

And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.



Reflection

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What the Lord Has Done in Me

Let the weak, “I am strong.”

Let the poor say, “I am rich.”

Let the blind say, “I can see;

It’s what the Lord has done in me.”

Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain.

Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.

Jesus died and rose again.



What the Lord Has Done in Me

Into the river I will wade.

There my sins are washed away,
From the heaven's mercy stream
Of the Savior's love for me.

Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain.

Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.

Jesus died and rose again.



What the Lord Has Done in Me

I will rise from waters deep
Into the saving arms of God.

I will sing salvation songs:
Jesus Christ has set me free!

Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain.
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.
Jesus died and rose again.





Pastoral Prayer

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

I'm so Glad Jesus Lifted Me

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
Singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.



I'm so Glad Jesus Lifted Me

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
Singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.





Jesus taught us that when we welcome the stranger, we create a new community where all are one in God. Let us continue the work that Jesus started by welcoming the strangers who cross our paths knowing that God is with us and protects as we pursue our ministries of healing and hope. Proclaim God's glory through your work. Go in peace.