

MARCH 3, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another

Philippians 1:6

*being confident of this,
that he who began a good work in you
will carry it on to completion
until the day of Christ Jesus.*

OUR GOD

Water You turned into wine. Opened the eyes of the blind.

There's no one like You, none like You.

Into the darkness You shine. Out of the ashes we rise.

There's no one like You, none like You.

Our God is greater. Our God is stronger.

God You are higher than any other.

Our God is healer, awesome in power,

Our God, our God.

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Our God is healer, awesome in power,

Our God, our God.

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?

And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?

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PRAYER

GOODNESS OF GOD

I love You, Lord. For Your mercy never fails me.
All my days, I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father. I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,
I give You everything.

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Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,
I give You everything.

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
I will sing of the goodness of God.
I will sing of the goodness of God.
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LET THE REDEEMED

He led me out of the desert, brought me into His streams.

River of living water, turned my bitter into sweet.

And all my burdens are lifted.

You took the shackles off my feet.

There's no sound louder, than a captive set free.

So, let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

Sing of His promises, ever more.

Pour out your thankfulness, let it overflow.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

There is joy in the morning, springing up in my soul.

There is life worth living, 'cause He calls me His own.

And there's a hallelujah, after sweet victory.

And there's no sound louder, than a captive set free.

No, there's no sound louder, than a captive set free.

So, let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

Sing of His promises, ever more.

Pour out your thankfulness, let it overflow.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

You are my Deliverer, the freedom I'm livin' in.

You are my Deliverer, You are my promised land.

You are my Deliverer, the freedom I'm livin' in.

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Giving to the Lord

TRUST IN GOD

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.

He's been my fourth man in the fire, time after time.

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood,

And what He did for me on Calvary, is more than enough.

I trust in God, my Savior. The One who will never fail,

He will never fail.

I trust in God, my Savior. The One who will never fail,

He will never fail.

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps.
So, this is my story, and this is my song.
Praising my risen King and Savior, all the day long.
I trust in God, my Savior. The One who will never fail,
He will never fail.
I trust in God, my Savior. The One who will never fail,
He will never fail.

I sought the Lord, and He heard, and He answered.
I sought the Lord, and He heard, and He answered.
I sought the Lord, and He heard, and He answered.
That's why I trust Him. That's why I trust Him.

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I sought the Lord, and He heard, and He answered.
That's why I trust Him. That's why I trust . . .

In God, my Savior. The One who will never fail,
He will never fail.
I trust in God, my Savior. The One who will never fail,
He will never fail.
I trust in God, my Savior. The One who will never fail,
He will never fail.
I trust in God.

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Prayer

SEEKING AND FINDING

Matthew 2:1-12

I. THE ARRIVAL OF THE MAGI (2:1-2)

A. The Timing of Their Quest (1a~b)

1. The Place: Bethlehem (1a)

2. The Person: Herod (1b)

B. The Tone of Their Question (1c~2)

1. The Place: Jerusalem (1c)

2. The Person: Jesus (2)

a. The Reign of the King (2a)

b. The Reach of His Kingdom (2b)

II. THE ANGST OF HEROD (2:3-8)

A. Herod's Rival (3)

B. Herod's Revelation (4-6)

1. The Need for Information (4)

2. The Nearness of the Information (5-6)

C. Herod's Reaction (7-8)

III. THE ADORATION OF THE KING (2:9-12)

A. The Star: Joy (9-10)

B. The Sight: Worship (11)

1. Their Posture (11a)

2. Their Presentations (11b)

C. The Warning: Wisdom (12)

GOD IS IN THIS STORY

There's torn up pages in this book,
Words that tell me I'm no good.
Chapters that defined me for so long,
But the hands of grace and endless love
Dusted off and picked me up,
Told my heart that hope is never gone.

God is in this story. God is in the details.
Even in the broken parts, He holds my heart.
He never fails.

When I'm at my weakest, I will trust in Jesus,
Always in the highs and lows,
The One who goes before me,
God is in this story.

So, if the storm you're walking through,
Feels like it's too much and you
Wonder if He even cares at all.
Hold on tight to what you know.
He promised He won't let you go.
The song of healing's written in His scars.

God is in this story. God is in the details.
Even in the broken parts, He holds my heart.
He never fails.

When I'm at my weakest, I will trust in Jesus,
Always in the highs and lows,
The One who goes before me,
God is in this story.

If it reads like addiction, if it reads like disease,
He's the One who frees the prisoner,
He's the healer of all things.

If it reads like depression, if it reads broken home,
He's the One who holds your sorrow,
He won't leave you here alone.

God is in this story. God is in the details.
Even in the broken parts, He holds my heart.
He never fails.

When I'm at my weakest, I will trust in Jesus,
Always in the highs and lows,
The One who goes before me,
God is in this story.
God in in my story.
God is in your story.

Announcements

Men's Fellowship: *March 6, 7:00 am*

Men's Fellowship meets on Wednesday mornings at the church in the Fellowship Hall. We meet at 7:00 a.m. and are continuing our discussion with Colossians 1:18.

Heavenly Heartbeats: *March 6, 5:30 pm*

Our women's Bible study will meet Wednesday evening, March 6, at 5:30 p.m. We are studying the attributes of God using Jerry Bridges book and Bible study *Trusting God*.

Praise Team Rehearsal: *March 6, 7:00 pm*

The Praise Team plans to rehearse this Wednesday evening.

Home Bible Study: *March 8, 5:30 pm*

The Home Bible Study will meet again on March 8 at 5:30 p.m. For the winter months we have decided to meet at the church. We are in Session 9 of "Conformed to His Image."

Daylight Saving Time Begins: *March 10, 2:00 am*

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday morning, March 10, at 2:00 a.m. so be sure to turn your clocks forward one hour.

Board Meeting: *March 11, 7:00 pm*

The Church Board plans to meet on Monday evening, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. with Erik Stone giving the devotions.

Prayer Ministry: *March 17, 8:30 am*

On Sunday morning, March 17, those interested in gathering to spend some time praying for our community can meet in the "Library" at 8:30 a.m.

Pancake Lunch: *March 24, 11:00 am*

Following the Worship Service on Palm Sunday, we plan to have a pancake lunch for a good time of fellowship.

Counseling Ministry

Arlene Weimer is graciously offering her counseling services (from a Christian perspective). Feel free to talk with her if you or someone you know may benefit from the Counseling Ministry.

Offerings

Thank you so very much for your faithful giving. Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at www.iechurch.org.