



Opening Song

Hold On To Me

1. When the best of me is barely breathin', when I'm not somebody I believe in, hold on to me.
When I miss the light the night has stolen, when I'm slammin' all the doors You've opened,
Hold on to me.

Chorus

*Hold on to me when it's too dark to see You, when I am sure I have reached the end.
Hold on to me when I forget I need You. When I let go, hold me again.*

2. When I don't feel like I'm worth defending,
When I'm tired of all my pretending hold on to me.
When I start to break in desperation, underneath the weight of expectation
Hold on to me. Hold on to me.

Repeat Chorus

Ending

I could rest here in Your arms forever, 'cause I know nobody loves me better.
Hold on to me. Hold on to me.

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Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out the visitors' card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in an offering plate near the exits of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Care** is available for children age 3 & under throughout the worship service.
- **Sunday School:** for age 4 – grade 12 begins after Children's Time.
- **GriefShare:** Meets on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 if you are dealing with the loss of a loved one or know someone who is and would like to attend.
- **Prison Ministry:** RPPC will be involved in providing Prison Alpha at the George W Hill Correctional Facility. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please see the leaders in the church parlor after worship today. For more information you can contact Eileen Cooper @484-432-5681 or Karen Montoro @ 484-574-4458.
- **Youth Group:** Our next meeting will be an ice cream party on March 31 from 5:30 to 7 PM in the Youth Room. Bring your friends!
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on *Sunday, March 29* at 12:15. We will begin with a short presentation in the sanctuary before going outside to find the eggs.
- **Candy Needed:** We need Easter candy to fill the Easter eggs. Please bring individually wrapped, nut free candy and place it in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

- **Renew Conference:** If your child is attending the Renew youth conference starting March 20, we will be leaving from the funeral home parking lot at 4:15 and arriving back to RPPC late that night. If you would like to drive your own child, please let Hannah know.
- **Easter Choir:** Practice today at 10:15 in the sanctuary.
- **All-Church Pasta Dinner Pot Luck:** Saturday, March 21 at 6:30 pm. Sign up at the back of the sanctuary or on the bulletin board outside to kitchen to let us know what you'll be bringing. Requested items include pasta dishes, salads, and desserts.
- **Blood Drive:** Sign up at RedCrossBlood.org to donate at RPPC on Sat., March 28 from 9 - 2.
- **Easter Flowers:** Order plants to decorate our sanctuary on Easter (orders due next Sunday). Forms are available throughout the sanctuary. Once they're completed, bring them to the main office. You can take your plants home after either Easter service on April 5.
- **March Collection:** We're collecting diapers (all infant & child sizes), baby wipes and children's board books for YoungLives, a Christ-centered program through YoungLife that supports pregnant and parenting teens (both moms and dads) through mentorship, community, and support.
- **Women's Book Club:** Next meeting on April 20 at 6:30 PM to discuss the book *Reconnected* by Carlos Whittaker. All women are welcome to join.
- **Church Center:** If you missed us at connection Sunday, we recently shared a new app called Church Center that we will be utilizing to build a church database, share timely communication, operate our Sunday School and much more! We are enthusiastic to adopt this as our official new church system and mandatory Sunday School and Nursery system beginning May 3rd! If you have not yet checked out the Church Center app or need assistance building an account, please feel free to find one of our team members and they would be happy to help!
- **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering:** One Great Hour of Sharing supports those facing disaster, hunger, poverty, and the challenges of migration and displacement. You can contribute to this special offering by using the envelopes in the pew racks or in your envelope box.

Opening Prayer

Song What a

Friend

1. Everybody has trials and temptations, everybody knows heart break, isolation,
But we can lay our burdens down, lay our burdens down.

Chorus

*What a friend we have in Jesus. East to west, my sins are gone.
I see grace on every horizon. And forever and ever His heart is my home.*

2. Everybody has fears, everybody got worries,
Everybody knows sorrow, devastation,
But we can lay our burdens down, lay our burdens down.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

No more betrayal for He is faithful. He fills me up and my cup runneth over.

No more betrayal for He is faithful. How He has proven it over and over.
No more betrayal for He is faithful. He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal for He is faithful. How He has proven it over and . . .

Repeat Chorus (2x)

Ending

*. . . Oh what a friend we have in Jesus. East to west, my sins are gone.
I see grace on every horizon. And forever and ever His heart is my home.*

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Song What He's Done

1. See on the hill of Calvary my Savior bled for me, my Jesus set me free.
Look at the wounds that give me life, grace flowing from His side, no greater sacrifice.

Chorus

*What He's done, what He's done. All the glory and the honor to the Son.
My sins are forgiven; my future is heaven. I praise God for what He's done.*

2. Sing for the freedom He has won. Even death is dead and done.
His life has overcome. Speak, say the Name above all names
Over every broken place. He is risen from the grave.

Repeat Chorus

3. Now on a throne of majesty, the Father's will complete, He reigns in victory.
Sing hallelujah to the King, He is worthy to receive all the worship we can bring.

Repeat Chorus

Tag

I praise God for what He's done.

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Welcoming of New Members

Ukulele Praise Kids

Jesus Calling
Amazing Grace

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we neglect to build our lives upon you and upon the reality of your glorious kingdom. We aspire to lesser dreams and unsatisfying goals. We worship success, renown, wealth, and achievement. We bow before leisure, comfort, and physical pleasures. We trade your kingdom for broken foundations, and then we wonder at our unhappiness. Forgive us and fill us with your Spirit that we may build our lives on you and know fullness of life in you.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

22:1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

4 “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

5 “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. 6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

8 “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’

10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

13 “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Sermon: RSVP

Pastor Thomas

Congregational Prayer

Song

Friend in Jesus

1. You don't need a Savior if you don't know sin and shame.
You don't need forgiveness when you've never walked away.
But this is my story, I'm a life made new. I'm the one who's been set free.

Chorus

*Oh, I have found a friend in Jesus. He is everything to me.
I have found a friend in Jesus. Yes, He is my everything.*

2. And I have a Shepherd who always keeps me safe.
And I found a healer who knows my every pain.
But this is my story of redeeming love. I have come to know Him well.

Repeat Chorus 2x

Bridge (2x)

*He walks with me, He talks with me and He tells me I am His own.
And the joy we share, what else compares? It's like nothing I've ever known.*

Tag

I can't believe it. I can't believe it.

Chorus 2x

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I have found a friend in Jesus. Yes, He is my everything

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Benediction

Closing Chorus

Friend in Jesus

Oh, I have found a friend in Jesus. He is everything to me.

I have found a friend in Jesus. Yes, He is my everything