



ridley park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order for Worship
10:00 AM, August 23, 2026

Opening Song

Every Hour

- 1 Lord you know me and you always will; yeah you keep me yeah you hold me close.
Like new mercies in the morning still, you surround me and all I know is...

Chorus 1

*Every hour of every day, Oh I need you Lord and that will never change.
Every moment in every way, Oh I need you Lord and that will never change*

- 2 You're my fortress you're my hiding place; you're the shelter where I am safe
You have freed me, you have called me by name my redeemer my saving grace.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

*Faithful that's who you are, more than able to care for my heart.
Father and friend there till the end. You are faithful, oh God.*

Repeat Chorus and Bridge

Ending: You are faithful, O God.

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Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out a visitors' card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in an offering plate near a sanctuary exit.
- **Nursery and Sunday School:** Nursery care is available for children 3 and under throughout the worship service. Sunday School for age 4 through 12th grade begins after children's time.
- **New Life:** The rose on the communion table today is for Penelope Grace Mohr born to Collin & Kim Mohr on August 12th. Mom, dad and big sisters are all doing well.
- **Sunday Schedule:** Our two-service schedule resumes on September 20. Join us for our annual kick-off picnic on September 13 following our 10 am worship service.
- **August Collection:** We are collecting school supplies for distribution through Chester Eastside through the end of this month. Please place your donations in the donation bin in the Friendship Hall.
- **Alpha:** Alpha videos are based on the ten most asked questions people ask when exploring the Christian faith. Questions like: Why did Jesus have to die? Why and how should I pray? Why is there so much evil in the world? The talks build on one another to prepare guests to encounter Jesus through the Holy Spirit at the Alpha Day Away offered two thirds of the way through the course. The final video, "What About the Church?" gives guests a fresh vision of the joy of connecting in Christian community. Alpha returns on September 21 at 6:30 pm and will run through November 30.
- **GriefShare:** A new 13-week session of GriefShare will be held from 6 - 7:30 in the church parlor on Tuesday evenings beginning September 8. GriefShare is for anyone try to process the loss of a loved one.
- **Sight and Sound:** we still have tickets left for "Joshua" at Sight and Sound on September 26. Transportation and lunch at Hershey farm are included for \$150. See Sue Endriss if you have questions. If you have already signed up, please get your payment to Sue today.

- **Women's Bible Study:** All women are invited to study The Names of God from Lifeway -- a study of who God is and who He calls us to be. They will meet from 6:30 – 8 pm on Thursdays, Sept. 24, 2026 – Nov. 12, 2026. Please sign up on our website. You can find the study guides on Amazon or Lifeway websites. Links are in the all-church email.

Opening Prayer

Hymn #128

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed wherever I turn my eye;
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!
3. There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Scripture Reading

Psalms 150

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

People: *Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.*

Leader: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing,

People: *Praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.*

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

People: *Praise the Lord!*

Hymn #97

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

- 1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul He fills, and every faithless murmur stills;
to God all praise and glory!
- 2 The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads his own, His chosen band;
To God all praise and glory!
- 3 Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud his praises,
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!
- 4 Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; Let all who own
His power proclaim, aloud the wondrous story. Cast every idol from its throne,
For Christ is Lord and Christ alone; to God all praise and glory!

Children's Time

Dyana Cannon

Unison Prayer of Confession

Our faithful God we confess we have not been faithful to You or to one another. We have worshiped many other gods, like money, greed, influence, and happiness. We have sought fulfillment in things that can never satisfy. We have served our own interests rather than doing what is important to You.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God. Restore within us the joy of Your salvation. (*Silent Prayers of Confession*)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Song

Living Water

- 1 This goes out to every outcast, to the just don't quite fit in,
Every wrong way runaway rebel, so ashamed of where you've been.
This goes out to every searcher trying to fill that empty space.
Well, your searching days are over now. Everything's about to change.

Chorus

*Come on down to the living water, waves of mercy washing over you.
No more strangers only sons and daughters.
Come down to the living water and rise up new.*

- 2 Have you heard about a man named Jesus? He's the way, the truth, the life.
Stretched out His arms on a rugged cross and paid every sinner's price.
So, when you're tired of all your running, you don't have to run no more.
You can leave it all behind you. Just believe and be reborn.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

Oh, this is your invitation. Oh, no more lost and alone.
Oh, this is your invitation. Hear your Father saying, "Welcome home."

- 3 See that cross upon the steeple, hear that sweet forgiveness song.
Come and join the Jesus people. This is where your heart belongs.

Repeat Chorus

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 73:1-8, 12-26

¹ Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ² But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. ³ For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴ They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. ⁵ They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills. ⁶ Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence. ⁷ From their callous hearts comes iniquity; their evil imaginations have no limits. ⁸ They scoff and speak with malice; with arrogance they threaten oppression.... ¹² This is what the wicked are like—always free of care, they go on amassing wealth.

¹³ Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence. ¹⁴ All day long I have been afflicted, and every morning brings new punishments.

¹⁵ If I had spoken out like that, I would have betrayed your children. ¹⁶ When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply ¹⁷ till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

¹⁸ Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin. ¹⁹ How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors! ²⁰ They are like a dream when one awakes; when you arise, Lord, you will despise them as fantasies.

²¹ When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, ²² I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.

²³ Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. ²⁴ You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Sermon: More Than Fair

Pastor Thomas

Congregational Prayer

Song

Lead On, Good Shepherd

- 1 Well, I've been turned 'round, but I've never been lost. Seen the water get troubled,
But we walked across. When my knees were shaking, You held my hand,
Turning my problems to a promised land.

Chorus

*Lead on, Good Shepherd, I'll follow all my days. There ain't nothing sweeter
Than to watch You make a way. You've walked me through the valley,
But You never steered me wrong, so lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.*

- 2 Seen some mighty deep canyons that You brought me through.
Seen some mighty big mountains that just up and moved. Glory, glory hallelujah,
Yeah, that's my song, walking with my Father into the great unknown.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge (2x)

Step by step, day by day, lead me on, Lord I pray.
Road gets dark, walk by faith, lead on, Good Shepherd.

Ending

*Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on, Good Shepherd. Lead on, Good Shepherd
Lead on, Good Shepherd. Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.*

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Benediction

Closing Chorus

Lead On, Good Shepherd

Step by step, day by day, lead me on, Lord I pray.
Road gets dark, walk by faith, lead on, Good Shepherd.
*Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on, Good Shepherd. Lead on, Good Shepherd
Lead on, Good Shepherd. Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.*