
Opening Hymn #710

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

- 1 Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the havens guide. Oh receive my soul at last!
- 2 Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee.
Leave, ah, leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed; All my help from Thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.
- 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness.
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.
- 4 Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of Thee.
Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

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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 age three and under throughout the worship service. Sunday School for age four through twelfth grade begins after children's time.
- **August Collection:** We are collecting school supplies for distribution through Chester East Eastside. Lists of requested items are on the Outreach bulletin board.
- **Prayer Ministry:** All are invited to join a ministry of prayer on Wednesdays at 1pm in the parlor. We pray for our church, the world, and for individual concerns.
- **Alpha returns in September!** Each Alpha session features a 25-minute film designed to inspire questions about the big issues of faith and unpack the basics of Christianity. We address questions like "Who is Jesus?" "How can we have faith?" and "Why is there so much evil in the world?" The films offer perspectives from scientists, business leaders, hardened criminals and on-the-street interviews with people from a wide variety of faith backgrounds. Everyone is welcome to explore life, faith and meaning on Alpha.

Opening Prayer

- 1 And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Chorus

Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

- 2 He left His Father's throne above; So free, so infinite His grace.
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For O my God, it found out me.
- 3 Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.
My chains fell off, my heart was free. I rose, went forth and followed Thee.
- 4 No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine;
Bold I approach the eternal throne and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Song

This is Amazing Grace

- 1 Who breaks the power of sin and darkness, whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.
- 2 Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love, that You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross. You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

- 3 Who brings our chaos back into order, who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory.
- 4 Who rules the nations with truth and justice, shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Bridge (4x)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!

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Children's Time

Pastor Jim

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we know your word, and value your love, but we don't find it natural to trust your purposes, especially when tests and trials interrupt our plans. When we doubt your goodness, forgive us. When we question your loving presence, pardon us. Remind us of the trials and tests you faced when you fought the battle with sin and death. Remind us that it was through of the agony of the cross that we were reconciled to you now and

forever. Renew us in the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.
(*Silent Prayers of Confession*)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Song

Reckless Love

- 1 Before I spoke a word, you were singing over me. You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath, you breathed Your life in me. You have been so, so kind to me.

Chorus

*O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away.
O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.*

- 2 When I was Your foe, still your love fought for me. You have been so, so good to me.
When I felt no worth, you paid it all for me. You have been so, so kind to me.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge 4x

*There's no shadow you won't light up, mountain You won't climb up coming after me.
There's no wall you won't kick down, lie you won't tear down coming after me.*

Repeat Chorus

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 30

- ¹ I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.
- ² LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.
- ² You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead;
you spared me from going down to the pit.
- ⁴ Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.
- ⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.
- ⁶ When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."
- ⁷ LORD, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm;
but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.
- ⁸ To you, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:
- ⁹ "What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?"
- ¹⁰ Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help."
- ¹¹ You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
- ¹² that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

Sermon: Wailing to Dancing

Pastor Thomas

Congregational Prayer

Song

Graves Into Gardens

- 1 I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me.
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough.
Then You came along and put me back together.
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love.

Chorus

*Oh, there's nothing better than You. There's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You.*

- 2 I'm not afraid to show You my weakness.
My failures and flaws, Lord You've seen them all, and You still call me friend.
'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley
There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again.

Bridge

You turn mourning to dancing. You give beauty for ashes.
You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can.
You turn graves into gardens. You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways. You're the only one who can.

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Benediction

Closing Chorus

*You turn mourning to dancing. You give beauty for ashes.
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You turn graves into gardens. You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways. You're the only one who can. You're the only one who can.*