
Opening Duet

There Was Jesus

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out a visitors' card from the pew rack in front of you and place it into an offering plate near a sanctuary exit.
- **Nursery and Sunday School:** Nursery care is available for children 3 and under through the worship service. Sunday School for age 4 - 12th grade begins after children's time.
- **Sunday Schedule:** Our two-service worship schedule returns on September 20. Join us for our annual kick-off picnic on September 13 following our 10 am worship service.
- **Alpha** returns on September 21 at 6:30 pm and will run through November 30. On Alpha you belong before you believe. That means that Alpha is for everyone -- whether you've never been to church in your life or you're a regular attendee -- whether you're a life-long Christian, have never considered faith, or have no idea what you believe. You won't be expected to know anything you don't already know. We eat, watch a video, and talk about it. Your perspective is as valued as anyone else's. Alpha is a welcoming space where guests can know that they belong, no matter where they're coming from.
- **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 processing the loss of a loved one.
- **PCUSA Special Offering:** The World Communion Offering helps fund programs supporting peacemaking, global ministry, and educational opportunities for international and racial-ethnic students. Please use the envelopes in the pew or in your box of envelopes. We will be collecting offerings through October 4.
- **Outreach Collection:** Our August school supply collection for Chester Eastside was a huge success thanks to your generous support!
- **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 or would like to join the trip.
- **Women's Bible Study:** All women are invited to study The Names of God from Lifeway Publishing. This is a study on who God is and who He calls us to be. We will meet on Thursdays, September 24, 2026 - November 12, 2026 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Friendship Hall. 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**Song**

Jesus Does

1. Who tells the sun to rise every morning, colors the sky with the shades of his glory,
Wakes us with mercy and love? Jesus does.
2. Who holds the orphan and comforts the widow, cries for injustice, feels every sorrow,
Carries the pain of his children? Jesus does

Chorus:

*So we sing praise to the Father who gave us the Son,
Praise to the Spirit who's living in us.
When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was. ('Cause) that's what Jesus does.*

3. Who understands the heart of the sinner, showers His grace over all our mistakes,
Washes us with His blood? Jesus does.
4. Who sings the song of sweet forgiveness, who stole the keys to hell and the grave,
Who has the power to save? Jesus does.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

Oh what a Friend, Oh What a Savior,
He's always been good, He's always been faithful.
He came to my rescue when I needed Him most and saved my soul.

Chorus:

*So we sing praise to the Father who gave us the Son,
Praise to the Spirit who's living in us.
When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was.
So we sing praise to the Father who gave us the Son,
Praise to the Spirit who's living in us.
When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was. That's what Jesus does.*

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Congregational Prayer

Song

The Cross

- 1 You've been trying hard to bear the weight of all your shame,
And if there's a God up there, you're sure He forgot your name.
When your steps are getting heavy and hope looks all but lost,
Just bring it all to the cross.
- 2 Who told you grace can't reach the messed up ones like you?
Has the devil made you believe the lies he tells are true?
When you're sure that you're the one who's wandered too far off,
It's not too late; just come home to the cross.

Chorus

*Come and see a Savior's love that would die to make you new.
Nothing you have ever done can change what mercy's done for you.
And if you ever wonder if you're worth so great a cost, look up and see the cross.*

- 3 Everybody's got a list at least a mile long of every scar and every sin
From everywhere that we've gone wrong. But there's reason for rejoicing,

And the reason is because that list was nailed to the cross.

Repeat Chorus

- 4 He was wounded for your wounds, pierced for all your sin.
By His stripes you are healed;
Died so you could rise again. He let the blood and water flow
And did it all to let you know, you're the reason that He went to the cross.
Oh, He's calling you to run home to the cross.

Repeat Chorus

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Children's Time

Dave Knox

Hymn #686

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

- 1 O God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come,
Our Shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal Home!
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne, Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guide while life shall last, And our eternal Home.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 32

^{Ps 32:1} Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ² Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.
⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. ⁷ You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.
⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. ⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.
¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. ¹¹ Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Sermon: Where Can I Hide?

Pastor Thomas

Unison Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (*Silent Prayers of Confession*)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

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.

Chorus

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Tag: I praise God for what He's done.

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Benediction

Closing Chorus

What He's Done (see above)