

Opening Hymn #87

Fairest Lord Jesus

- 1 Fairest Lord Jesus; Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son.
Thee will I cherish; Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.
- 2 Fair is the sunshine; Fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.
- 3 Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore by Thine!

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.
- **Church Picnic:** Please join us after worship today for a picnic on the church lawn. There will be hot dogs, snacks, drinks and treats from the Mr. Softee ice cream truck!
- **Sunday Schedule:** Our two-service worship schedule returns next Sunday -- Contemporary Service and Sunday School: 9 am; Traditional Worship: 11 am.
- **Children and Ministry Volunteers:** There will be a brief meeting for all Sunday School teachers, aides and Nursery workers -- and anyone interested in these roles -- on Sunday, September 27 immediately following the 9:00 AM service in the Youth Room.
- **Youth Group:** Youth in grades 6-12, join us for lunch, games, discussion, planning, and fellowship on Sunday, September 27 from 12:15 – 1:30.
- **Library:** Check out our church library in the parlor, then check out a book!
- **GriefShare:** Anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one is welcome to join GriefShare, meeting in the church parlor from 6 - 7:30 on Tuesday evenings.
- **Alpha:** Whether you aren't yet a Christian, you've been a Christian for two weeks or for twenty years, deeper exploration of our beliefs grows strong roots in the soil of our faith. On Alpha, guests explore the historical authenticity of Scripture, the meanings and implications of the gospel, and the impact of testimonies of encounter with Jesus and the difference he has made in other's lives. The sessions go deep, offering even long-time believers the opportunity for greater understanding of their faith and reflection on the difference Jesus has made in their own lives. Alpha returns on September 21 at 6:30 pm and will run through November 30. Alpha includes dinner, discussion and excellent video teaching.
- **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 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.
- **Peanut Butter and Jelly:** We need sandwiches for tomorrow's delivery. If you can help, please sign up on our website: rppcusa.org/serving where you will find instructions for making the PB&Js and delivering them to the church.

- **The World Communion Offering** funds peacemaking, global ministry, and assists racial-ethnic students. Find an envelope in your envelope box or the pew rack.
- **New Members' Class:** Anyone interested in joining RPPC or learning more about us, please join us in the church parlor at 10 am, November 1, 8, 15, and 22.

Opening Prayer

Song

I Thank God

- 1 Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide this weary soul, this bag of bones.
I try with all my might, but I just can't win the fight. I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond.

Pre-chorus

And just when I ran out of road, I met a man I didn't know.
And He told me that I was not alone.

Chorus

*You picked me up, You turned me around and placed my feet on solid ground.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, because You healed my heart,
You changed my name. forever free, I'm not the same.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank God.*

- 2 I cannot deny what I've seen, got no choice but to believe. My doubts are burnin'
Like ashes in the wind. So so long to my old friends: burden and bitterness,
You can just keep them moving; nah, you ain't welcome here.

Pre-chorus

From now till I walk streets of gold, I'll sing of how You saved my soul.
This wayward son has found his way back home.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge (8x)

Hell lost another one. I am free, I am free, I am free

Repeat Chorus

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Song

Sing Wherever I Go

Chorus

*All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul.
Mountain high, valley low, I'm gonna sing wherever I go.*

- 1 God is for me, He's not against me, I will hold to the plans He has for me.
When I'm broken, He will fix me. I will call on the name of the Lord.

Repeat Chorus

- 2 He's my heart-song in my sorrow. He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow.
When the storms rise all around me, I will call on the name of the Lord.

Chorus

*All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul.
Mountain high, valley low, I'm gonna sing wherever I go.*

Bridge

I got joy, joy, joy deep in my soul! I will sing, sing, sing wherever I go!

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Welcoming Our New Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator

Special Music – RPPC Kids

Dusty Bibles

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of goodness and grace, we confess that we have fallen short of your will for us. We have squandered our gifts to promote our own egos. We have worked our connections for our own selfish gain. We have focused on the wrong goals of money, privilege, and power. We have stepped on others to reach the top.

Forgive us, we pray. Help us to see the error of our ways and create new life in us. May our talents build one another up; may our connections foster compassionate community; may our goals be worthy in your sight and serve your purposes. (*Silent Prayers of Confession*)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Hymn #342

Rock of Ages

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure.
- 2 Could my tears forever flow, could my zeal no languor know,
These for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
In my hand no price I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling.
- 3 While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown and behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 25

- 1 In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.
- 2 I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 3 No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.
- 4 Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.
- 5 Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.
- 6 Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
- 9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.
- 10 All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.
- 11 For the sake of your name, Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.
- 12 Who, then, are those who fear the Lord?
He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.
- 13 They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land.
- 14 The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.
- 15 My eyes are ever on the Lord, for only he will release my feet from the snare.
- 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
- 17 Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish.
- 18 Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.

- ¹⁹ See how numerous are my enemies and how fiercely they hate me!
²⁰ Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
²¹ May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, Lord, is in you.
²² Deliver Israel, O God, from all their troubles!

Sermon: Getting Personal

Pastor Thomas

Congregational Prayer

Song Dancing on the Waves

- 1 I'm standing at your door; my heart is calling yours. Come fall into my arms.
You're weary from it all, been running for too long. I'm here to bring you home.

Chorus

*I'm reaching out, I'll chase you down. I dare you to believe how much I love you now.
Don't be afraid, I am your strength. We'll be walking on the water, dancing on the waves.*

- 2 Look up and lift your eyes, the future's open wide. I have great plans for you.
Your past is dead and gone, your healing has begun. I'm making all things new.

Chorus

*I'm reaching out, I'll chase you down. I dare you to believe how much I love you now.
Don't be afraid, I am your strength. We'll be walking on the water, dancing on the waves.*

Bridge 2x

I set every star into place, so you would remember My name. I made it all for you.
You are my masterpiece, you are the reason I sing. This is my song for you.

Repeat Chorus

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Benediction

Closing Chorus I Thank God

*You picked me up, You turned me around and placed my feet on solid ground.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, because You healed my heart, You changed my name.
Forever free, I'm not the same. I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank God.*