

Opening Song

I Know a Name

- 1 I know a name that can silence roaring waves. I know a name that can empty out a grave.
I know a name, It's the only name that saves, and it's worthy of all praise

Chorus

*I call you Jesus. I call you, I call you healer, risen and reigning in power.
Something comes out of the grave every time I call you Jesus.
I call you, I call you Savior worthy of glory forever,
Something comes out of the grave every time I call your name.*

- 2 I have a king with dominion over death. He holds the keys in his holy nail-scarred hands.
He is the heel that has crushed the serpent's head our resurrected great I Am.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge 1

Chains break, dry bones wake, every time I call your name.
The gates of hell shake. every time I call your name. Every time I call your name.

Bridge 2 (3x)

Where, oh death, is now your sting? And where, oh grave, your victory?

Bridge 3 (2x)

Dead things come alive, dead things come alive,
Dead things come alive in the name of Jesus.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge 1

Chains break, dry bones wake, every time I call your name
The gates of hell shake, every time I call your name.

Repeat Bridge 3 (2x)

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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 into an offering plate near a sanctuary exit.
- **New Members' Class:** Anyone interested in joining RPPC or who would just like to learn more about us, please join us in the church parlor at 10 am, November 1, 8, 15, and 22.
- **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.
- **Blood Drive** - Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 - 2:00. Sign up today at redcrossblood.org. More information on the bulletin board.
- **GriefShare:** Meets from 6 – 7:30 on Tuesday evenings in the church parlor and is for anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one.
- **Alpha** starts tomorrow night! Whether you're yet to believe, new to the Christian faith, or have been a believer for decades, please join us for dinner and discussion tomorrow at 6:30 pm. Alpha is one a great way to meet others and to connect with them - and with God.
- **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.

- **Church Library:**
 - New Library: Check out our church library in the parlor. Sign out a book today!
 - Old Library: There are many older books in our former library in the Upper Room available for anyone who wants them.
- **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.
- **PCUSA Special Offering:** The World Communion Offering helps fund programs for peacemaking, global ministry, and international and racial-ethnic students. Find an envelope in your envelope box or the pew rack. Offering ends on October 4.
- **PBJ'S:** Help us share a little love, one sandwich at a time! Volunteers are needed to make PBJ'S which are delivered to those in need every other Monday. Find a sign-up link on our website by clicking the "Connect" tab and finding "Community Outreach."

Opening Prayer

Song Another in The Fire

- 1 There's a grace when the heart is under fire. Another way when the walls are closing in.
And when I look at the space between where I used to be and this reckoning,
I know I will never be alone.

Chorus

*There was another in the fire, standing next to me. There was another in the waters,
Holding back the seas. And should I ever need reminding of how I've been set free,
There is a cross that bears the burden where another died for me. There is another in the fire.*

- 2 All my debt left for dead beneath the waters. I'm no longer a slave to my sin anymore.
And should I fall in the space between what remains of me and this reckoning,
either way I won't bow to the things of this world. And I know I will never be alone.

Chorus

*There is another in the fire, standing next to me. There is another in the waters,
Holding back the seas. And should I ever need reminding what power set me free,
There is a grave that holds no body and now that power lives in me.
There is another in the fire. There is another in the fire.*

Bridge

And I can see the light in the darkness as the darkness bows to Him.
I can hear the roar in the heavens as the space between wears thin.
I can feel the ground shake beneath us as the prison walls cave in.
Nothing stands between us, nothing stands between us.

- 3 There is no other name but the Name that is Jesus. He who was and still is
And will be through it all. So come what may in the space between
All the things unseen and this reckoning; I know I will never be alone.

Chorus

*There'll be another in the fire, standing next to me. There'll be another in the waters,
Holding back the seas. And should I ever need reminding how good You've been to me.
I'll count the joy come every battle, cause I know that's where You'll be.
There is another in the fire. There is another in the fire.*

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Song Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

- 1 You made the starry hosts, you traced the mountain peaks. You paint the evening skies
With wonders. The earth, it is your throne, from desert to the sea; all nature testifies your splendor.

Chorus

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, sing his greatness, all creation.
Praise the Lord, raise your voice, you heights and all you depths,
From furthest east to west, let everything that has breath, praise the Lord.*

- 2 You reached into the dust, in love your Spirit breathed. You formed us in your very likeness,
To know your wondrous works, to tell your mighty deeds, to join the everlasting chorus.

Repeat Chorus

- 3 Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out, all heaven hear the sound of worship.
Let every nation bring its honors to the King, a roar of harmonies, eternal.

Chorus 2

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, sing His greatness, all creation.
Praise the Lord, raise your voice, you heights and all you depths, from furthest east to west,
You distant burning stars, all creatures near and far, from sky to sea to shore,
Sing out forevermore, let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

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Children's Time

Sue Rea

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we hold tightly to anything we can control, hoping to make our lives comfortable and predictable. Forgive our lack of faith and our unwillingness to put your plans above our own. Forgive us when we resist the guidance of your Spirit. In our doubts and fears, help us remember your faithfulness. Teach us to trust that you are the author of our lives, and that before the foundation of the world you knew us and you loved us. (*Silent Prayers of Confession*)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

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

*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*

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

⁸We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, ¹¹as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

Sermon: Comfort and Trial

Pastor Thomas

Congregational Prayer

Song

Weary Traveler

- 1 Weary traveler. Beat down from the storms that you have weathered. Feels like this road
Just might go on forever. Carry on. You keep on giving. But every day this world
Just keeps on taking. Your tired heart is on the edge of breaking. Carry on.

Chorus

*Weary traveler, restless soul. You were never meant to walk this road alone.
It'll all be worth it, so just hold on. Weary traveler, you won't be weary long.*

- 2 No more searching. Heaven's healing's gonna find where all the hurt is.
When Jesus calls we'll lay down all our heavy burdens. Carry on.

Bridge: Someday soon we're gonna make it home. (repeat)

Repeat Chorus

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Benediction

Closing Chorus

Weary Traveler (see above)