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PRELUDE: SAME GOD

Verse 1

I'm calling on the God of Jacob,
Whose love endures through generations.
I know that You will keep Your covenant.
I'm calling on the God of Moses,
The one who opened up the ocean.
I need you now to do the same thing for me.

Chorus

Oh God, my God, I need You.
Oh God, my God, I need You now.
How I need You now.
Oh Rock, oh Rock of ages,
I'm standing on Your faithfulness.

Verse 2

I'm calling on the God of Mary,
Whose favor rests upon the lowly.
I know with You all things are possible.
I'm calling on the God of David,
Who made a shepherd boy courageous.
I may not face Goliath,
But I've got my own giants.

Chorus

Oh God, my God, I need You.
Oh God, my God, I need You now.
How I need You now.
Oh Rock, oh Rock of ages,
I'm standing on Your faithfulness.

Bridge

You heard Your children then.
You hear Your children now.
You are the same God. You are the same God.
You answered prayers back then,
And You will answer now.
You are the same God. You are the same God.
You were providing then, You are providing now.
You are the same God. You are the same God.

Bridge

You moved in power then. God, move in power now. You are the same God. You are the same God. You were a healer then, You are a healer now. You are the same God. You are the same God. You were a Savior then. You are a Savior now. You are the same God.

Chorus

Oh God, my God, I need You.
Oh God, my God, I need You now.
How I need You now.
Oh Rock, oh Rock of ages,
I'm standing on Your faithfulness.
(Repeat Chorus)

Verse 3

I'm calling on the Holy Spirit. Almighty river, come and fill me again. Come and fill me again. Come and fill me again.

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: GOD SO LOVED

Verse 1

Come, all you weary. Come, all you thirsty. Come to the well that never runs dry. Drink of the water. Come and thirst no more.

Verse 2

Come, all you sinners, Come find His mercy.

Come to the table, He will satisfy.

Taste of His goodness. Find what you're looking for.

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us. Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Verse 3

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions. Come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever. ▶

The power of hell forever defeated, Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom. For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Bridge (sing twice)

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love.

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us. For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us. Whoever believes in Him will live forever. The power of hell forever defeated, Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom. For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Verse 4

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions. Come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Jesus is waiting. God so loved the world.

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☆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READING: Ruth 1:15-17 — Good News Translation

■ Today's Old Testament Lesson is from Ruth, the first chapter.

Naomi said to her, "Ruth, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her god. Go back home with her."

¹⁶But Ruth answered, "Don't ask me to leave you! Let me go with you. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. ▶

¹⁷Wherever you die, I will die, and that is where I will be buried. May the Lord's worst punishment come upon me if I let anything but death separate me from you!"

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 13

—The Message

- The Second Lesson is from Paul's letter to the Christians at Corinth, the thirteenth chapter, the "love" chapter.
- If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.
- 2 If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.
- □ 3-7 If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere.
- So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.
- L Love never gives up.
- Love cares more for others than for self.
- Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.
- Love doesn't strut,
- **L** Doesn't have a swelled head,
- Doesn't force itself on others,
- L Isn't always "me first,"
- Doesn't fly off the handle,
- Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,
- Doesn't revel when others grovel,
- **L** Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
- Puts up with anything,
- **L** Trusts God always,
- Always looks for the best,
- L Never looks back,
- But keeps going to the end.
- L 8-10 Love never dies.
- Inspired speech will be over some day; praying in tongues will end; understanding will reach its limit.
- We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete.
- But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled.
- □ ¹¹When I was an infant at my mother's breast, I gurgled and cooed like any infant. ►

- When I grew up, I left those infant ways for good.
- 12We don't yet see things clearly.
- We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist.
- But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright!
- We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!
- ¹³ But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation:
- Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.
- L Word of God, word of life.
- Thanks be to God.

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

SONG OF THE DAY: I WILL FOLLOW

Verse 1

When the sea is calm and all is right, When I feel Your favor flood my life, Even in the good I'll follow You. Even in the good I'll follow You.

Verse 2

When the boat is tossed upon the waves, When I wonder if You'll keep me safe, Even in the storms I'll follow You.

Even in the storms I'll follow You.

Chorus

I believe ev'rything that You say You are.
I believe and I have seen Your unchanging heart.
In the good things and in the hardest part,
I believe and I will follow You,
I believe and I will follow You.

Verse 3

When I see the wicked prospering, When I feel I have no voice to sing, Even in the want I'll follow You. Even in the want I'll follow You.

Chorus

I believe ev'rything that You say You are.
I believe and I have seen Your unchanging heart.
In the good things and in the hardest part,
I believe and I will follow You,
I believe and I will follow You.

Verse 4

When I find myself so far from home, And You lead me somewhere that I don't wanna go, Even in my death I'll follow You, Even in my death I'll follow You.

Verse 5

When I come to end this race I've run, And I receive the prize that Christ has won, I will be with You in Paradise, I will be with You in Paradise.

Chorus

I believe ev'rything that You say You are.
I believe and I have seen Your unchanging heart.
In the good things and in the hardest part,
I believe and I will follow You,
I believe and I will follow You,
I believe and I will follow You.
(Repeat Chorus)

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

- **P** Let us confess our baptismal faith together.
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace," please respond, "hear our prayer."
When the prayers conclude, please respond, "Amen."

OFFERING

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OFFERING SONG: GOODNESS OF GOD

Verse 1

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Verse 2

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire. In darkest night You are close like no other. I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend, I have lived in the goodness of God.

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Bridge

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now.
I give You everything,
[Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.]
[Repeat these two lines twice.]

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.

 And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;

forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING COMMUNION

Please approach the altar, coming down the center aisle. You will be offered a wafer, and you may dip it into the chalice containing wine or white grape juice. Or, you may choose a prepackaged kit.

At home, serve yourself, saying to each other/yourself these ancient words of promise: "The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."

COMMUNION SONG: TO THE TABLE

Verse 1

Hear the voice of love that's calling, There's a chair that waits for you, And a friend who understands Everything you're going through.

Verse 2

But you keep standing at a distance In the shadows of your shame, But there's a light of hope that's shining. Won't you come and take your place?

Chorus 1

And bring it all to the table. It's nothing He ain't seen before. For all your sin, all your sorrow, and your sadness, There's a Savior and He calls, Bring it all to the table.

Verse 3

He can see the weight you carry, The fears that hold your heart, But through the cross you've been forgiven. You're accepted as you are.

Chorus 1

And bring it all to the table. It's nothing He ain't seen before. For all your sin all your sorrow and your sadness There's a Savior and He calls, Bring it all to the table.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- LIfe-giving God,
- through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

BENEDICTION

■ The God of peace, Father,

→ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. C Amen.

SENDING SONG: WHAT I SEE

Intro

Do you see what I see? Do you see what I see?

I see lightning, I hear thunder, Something stirring six feet under, Dead things coming back to life again. I believe there's about to be another resurrection.

Verse 2

I see signs and I see wonders, I see bursts of living color, Dead things coming back to life again. I believe there's about to be another resurrection.

Chorus 1

Come alive. Wake up, sleeper. He is risen. We are risen with him.

Verse 3

Hallelujah, it is finished. See the grave no, body in it. Dead things coming back to life again.

I believe there's about to be another resurrection.

Chorus 2 (Sing twice.)

Come alive. Wake up, sleeper. He is risen. We are risen with him. Paradise flung wide open. He is risen. We are risen with him.

Bridge (Sing twice.)

If you see What I see, That the grave is empty, Then you know what I know, Anything is possible. ▶

Interlude

Do you see what I see? Do you see what I see?

Bridge

Do you see what I see?
I see signs and I see wonders.
Do you see what I see?
I see lighting, I hear thunder.
Do you see what I see?
Something stirring six feet under.

Chorus 2 (Sing twice.)

Come alive. Wake up, sleeper. He is risen. We are risen with him. Paradise flung wide open. He is risen. We are risen with him.

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DISMISSAL

- Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
 Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life!
- Thanks be to God.