Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia August 28, 2022 9:45 a.m. Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor Luanne Harms, Contemporary Worship Director Brad Milburn, Vocals Dan Niwa, Guitar Layla Mason, Lead Guitar and Vocals Jess Plunkett, Vocals Dana Bogdanski, Bass

 \mathbf{P} = Pastor \mathbf{G} = All \mathbf{L} = Leader

PRELUDE: TO THE TABLE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: I THANK GOD

Verse 1 Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide, This weary soul, this bag of bones. I try with all of 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 the 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.

Verse 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.

Chorus

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Bridge

Hell lost another one. I am free, I am free, I am free. (*REPEAT ad lib with singers.*) Hell lost another one. I am free, I am free.

Chorus

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① PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

LESSON: Joshua 6:1-5 and 1 Kings 18:31-35, 38-39

L This morning's lessons are from Joshua and First Kings.

Joshua 6:1-5

Now **Jericho** was shut up inside and out because of the Israelites; no one came out, and no one went in. ²The Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have handed **Jericho** over to you, along with its king and soldiers. ³You shall march around the city, all the warriors circling the city once. Thus you shall do for six days ⁴with seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, the priests blowing the trumpets. ⁵When they make a long blast with the ram's horn, as soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and all the people shall charge straight ahead."

1 Kings 18:31-35, 38-39

(With all the Israelites assembled at Mount Caramel and after the prophets of Baal failed to light fire for their sacrifice . . .) ³¹Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, "Israel shall be your name"; ³² with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. ³³Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." ³⁴Then he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time. Again he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time, ³⁵so that the water ran all around the altar and filled the trench also with water... ³⁸Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust and even licked up the water that was in the trench. ³⁹When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The Lord indeed is God; the Lord indeed is God."

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

✿ GOSPEL: Verses featuring some key places in"Jesus' Neighborhood."

- Listen for the Word of God from three Gospels.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2:15:

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to **Bethlehem** and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

Matthew 3:13-15:

Then Jesus came from **Galilee** to John at the **Jordan** (**River**), to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

Matthew 4:18-20:

As he walked by the **Sea of Galilee**, Jesus saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Mark 14:32, 41-42:

(After the Lord's Supper) ³²They went to a place called **Gethsemane**, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." (After the disciples kept falling asleep, Jesus came and said), ⁴¹Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

Luke 24:1-5:

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to **the tomb**, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen."

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

SERMON

Pastor Fritz and Elias Nawawieh

SONG OF THE DAY: GRACE TO GRACE

Verse 1

If love endured that ancient cross, How precious is my Savior's blood. The beauty of heaven wrapped in my shame, The image of love upon death's frame. *Pre-Chorus* If having my heart was worth the pain, What joy could You see beyond the grave

What joy could You see beyond the grave If love found my soul worth dying for?

Chorus

How wonderful, How glorious, My Savior's scars Victorious. My chains are gone, My debt is paid, From death to life And grace to grace. ►

Verse 2

If heaven now owns that vacant tomb, How great is the hope that lives in You. The passion that tore through hell like a rose, The promise that rolled back death and its stone.

Pre-Chorus

If freedom is worth the life You raised, Oh, where is my sin, where is my shame If love paid it all to have my heart?

Chorus

How wonderful, How glorious, My Savior's scars Victorious. My chains are gone, My debt is paid, From death to life And grace to grace.

Bridge

When I see that cross, I see freedom. When I see that grave, I'll see Jesus, And from death to life I will sing Your praise In the wonder of Your grace. (REPEAT)

How my soul will sing Your praise In the wonder of Your grace. How my soul will sing Your praise

Chorus

How wonderful, How glorious, My Savior's scars Victorious. My chains are gone, My debt is paid, From death to life And grace to grace.

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

- ▶ 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 "Merciful God," please respond, **"receive our prayer."** When the prayers conclude, please respond, "**Amen.**"

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OFFERING SONG: HOSANNA

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** 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

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: UNTITLED HYMN (COME TO JESUS)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING SONG: A THOUSAND HALLELUJAHS

Verse 1

Who else would rocks cry out to worship? Whose glory taught the stars to shine? Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing, But this joy is mine.

Chorus

With a thousand hallelujahs We magnify Your name. You alone deserve the glory, The honor and the praise. Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours, A thousand hallelujahs And a thousand more.

Verse 2

Who else would die for our redemption? Whose resurrection means I'll rise? There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done, But I have eternity to try.

Bridge

Praise to the Lord, To the Lamb, To the King of heaven. Praise, for He rose. Now He reigns. We will sing forever

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life!

C Thanks be to God.