

## Sojourn Gathered | March 29, 2020

### Songs and Liturgy

#### *In the Hours*

In the hours of pain and sorrow  
When the world brings no relief  
When the eye is dim and heavy  
And the heart oppressed with grief

While blessings flee  
Savior Lord we trust in Thee!  
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Savior Lord we trust in Thee!

When the snares of death surround us  
Pride, ambition, love of ease  
Mammon with her false allurements  
Words that flatter, smiles that please

Then ere we yield  
Savior Lord be Thou our shield  
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Savior Lord be Thou our shield

When forsaken in distress  
Poor despised and tempest-tossed  
With no anchor here to stay us

Drifting, sail and rudder lost

Then save us Thou,  
Who trod this earth with weary brow  
Then save us Thou  
Who trod this earth with weary brow

Thou the hated and forsaken  
Thou the bearer of the cross  
Crowned of thorns and mocked and smitten,  
Counting earthly gain but loss

When scorned are we  
We joy to be the more like Thee  
When scorned are we  
We joy to be the more like Thee

Thou the Fathers best beloved,  
Thou the throned and sceptered King  
Who but Thee should we adoring  
All our prayers and praises bring?

So blessed are we, Savior Lord in loving Thee  
So blessed are we, Savior Lord in loving Thee  
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#### *Call to Worship*

Hello Sojourn Family! I (Eric Taylor) hope that each of you are able to find a small community in your home this morning to worship together with, and to encourage each other day-by-day as we adjust our lifestyles to help slow down the spread of the Coronavirus. I'm thankful for those who are laboring so hard each day to serve those in need at this time.

One thing that I have been reminded of often during these days is that God is sovereign over **all** things and **all** circumstances and **all** peoples.....even **all** viruses. To start today I wanted to remind you all of this as well by reading **Colossians 1:15-18** (bolds and underlines added). The author, Paul, was intimately acquainted with difficult circumstances as he wrote this letter from a Roman prison. Let us have the same posture before and trust in Christ each day:

***He** is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of **all** creation. For by **him all** things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all** things were created through **him** and for **him**. And **he** is before **all** things, and in **him all** things hold together. And **he** is the head of the body, the church. **He** is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in **everything he** might be preeminent.*

## **How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works  
Thy hands have made

I see the stars  
I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow'r thru'out  
The universe displayed

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art

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My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art

And when I think  
That God His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die  
I scarce can take it in

That on the cross  
My burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art

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My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art

When Christ shall come  
With shouts of acclamation  
And take me home  
What joy shall fill my heart

Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim  
My God how great Thou art

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
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## **Confession**

From our recent time together in the book of John we looked at Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. In this encounter, here is how Jesus describes Himself:

*Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

Or similarly in **John 6:35** He shares this about Himself:

*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."*

Who do you say that Jesus is? Who do you tell others that Jesus is? How do you encourage fellow Sojourners in who Jesus is? How has this been revealed with the recent COVID-19 pandemic and lifestyle adjustments? Pause for a moment with those around you and answer these questions together.

Undoubtedly some of our revelations from asking these questions will be encouraging and Christ exalting, but others will be discouraging or self-exalting.

### **Assurance**

Take a moment to read this and the text from Hebrews below, and then pray out-loud together thanking God for who He is and what He has done, how this has been revealed in and through your life, confessing areas of sin and unbelief, and petitioning Him to help you and others believe who He has revealed Himself to be.....and also as we pray find encouragement and hope that God loves us, cleanses us, and helps us.....which is shown perfectly in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus which He reminds us of in **Hebrews 4:14-16:**

*Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

### **How Deep the Father's Love**

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection

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Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

### **Passing of Peace**

As Jesus has reconciled you to God so you are able to be reconciled to one another. Greet one another in the peace of Christ. Text someone that you miss seeing this morning. Let one another know you are thankful for each other.

## ***Preaching of the Word of God***

John 5:1-17

Seeing Jesus, Part 14

*Living by Faith as Fear Surrounds*

Preacher: Edward Hunt

The sermon video can be found:

- On our website- <http://sojournfairfax.com/resources/sojourn-sunday-home-gatherings/>
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## ***Abide With Me***

Abide with me  
Fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens  
Lord with me abide

When other helpers  
Fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless  
Abide with me

Thou on my head in  
Early youth didst smile  
And though rebellious  
And preverse meanwhile

Thou hast not left me  
Though I oft left thee  
On to the close Lord  
Abide with me

I need Thy presence  
ev'ry passing hour  
What but Thy grace can  
foil the tempter's pow'r

Who like Thyselſ my  
Guide and Stay can be  
Through cloud and sunshine  
Abide with me

I fear no foe  
with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight  
Tears lose their bitterness

Where is thy sting death  
Where grave thy victory  
I triumph still  
Abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross  
Before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and  
Point me to the skies

Heav'n's morning breaks and  
Earth's vain shadows flee  
In life in death Lord  
Abide with me

## **Yes and Amen**

Father of kindness  
You have poured out grace  
You brought me out of darkness  
You have filled me with peace

Giver of mercy  
You're my help in time of need  
Lord I can't help but sing

Faithful You are  
Faithful forever You will be  
Faithful You are

All Your promises are Yes and Amen  
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

Beautiful Savior  
You have brought me near  
You pulled me from the ashes  
You have broken ev'ry curse

Blessed Redeemer  
You have set this captive free  
Lord I can't help but sing

Faithful You are  
Faithful forever You will be  
Faithful You are

All Your promises are Yes and Amen  
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

I will rest in Your promises  
My confidence is Your faithfulness

Faithful You are  
Faithful forever You will be  
Faithful You are

All Your promises are Yes and Amen  
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

### ***In Tenderness***

In tenderness He sought me  
Weary and sick with sin  
And on His shoulders brought me  
Back to His fold again

While angels in His presence sang  
Until the courts of heaven rang

Oh the love that sought me  
Oh the blood that bought me  
Oh the grace that brought me to the fold of God  
Grace that brought me to the fold of God

He died for me while I was sinning  
Needy and poor and blind  
He whispered to assure me  
I've found thee thou art Mine

I never heard a sweeter voice  
It made my aching heart rejoice

Oh the love that sought me  
Oh the blood that bought me  
Oh the grace that brought me to the fold of God  
Grace that brought me to the fold of God

Upon His grace I'll daily ponder  
And sing anew His praise  
With all adoring wonder  
His blessings I retrace

It seems as if eternal days  
Are far too short to sing His praise

Oh the love that sought me  
Oh the blood that bought me  
Oh the grace that brought me to the fold of God  
Grace that brought me to the fold of God

### ***Prayer***

Spend time praying together.

### ***Benediction***

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28–30 ESV)

Sojourn, Jesus is our good and kind King. In the midst of personal or global challenges or the mundane moments we now long for, he is still the only source of real rest. Come to him, follow him, rest in him. His yoke is easy and his burden is light and one day he will come again to make all things new. Amen. Peace be with you.