



Today's sermon continues the *Sermon on the Mount* series.

CALL TO WORSHIP—based on Matthew 11:28=30

We join together this day to worship,
because Jesus invites us to come!

We come as we are,
with our faith and our doubts,
with our successes and our failures,

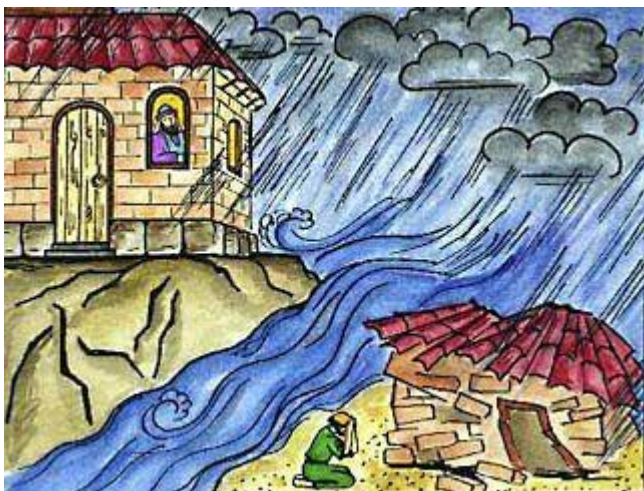
because Jesus invites us to come!

We come with what we have,
bringing with us the events and experiences
of this past week,

because Jesus invites us to come.

*"Come to me,
all you that are weary and are carrying heavy
burdens,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls."*

Let's worship God together.

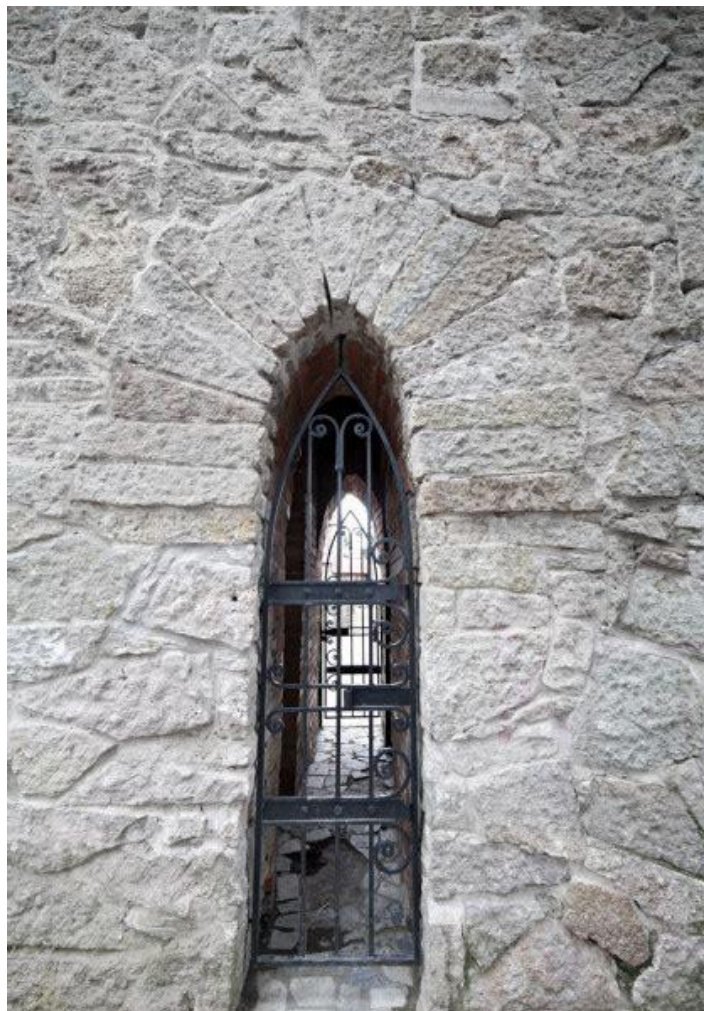


HYMN *Morning Has Broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them sprung fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning;
God's recreation of the new day.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
You call us to turn away from behaviors and attitudes
that belong to the darkness,
to live honest and transparent lives
as children of the light.
We confess the times when we have failed,
giving in to our darker thoughts and desires;
and acting in ways that did not bring honor
to your name.

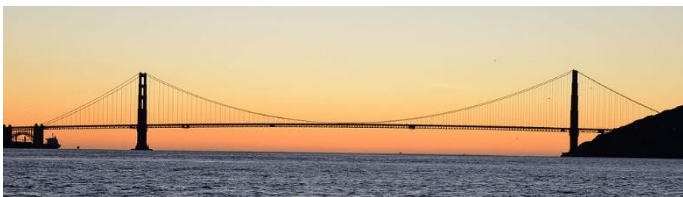
**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.
Teach us how to live as children of the light.**

You call us love,
to put the needs and interests of those around us
above our own;
to love others as deeply as we have been loved
by you.
We confess the times when we have failed,
allowing our own desires and interests
to take precedence over the needs of others.

**Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us.
Teach us how to love as we have been loved.**

**Give us hunger to know you more,
so that we may do your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name.**

(time for silent prayer and reflection)



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our
homes and in our hearts, God knows us
better than we know ourselves, and God
forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

**By God's mercy, we are forgiven;
by God's mercy, we are made whole;
by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.
Thanks be to God!**

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SONG *We Praise You, O God*

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
we lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through life's storm and tempest
our guide you have been;
when perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise;
with you, Lord, beside us,
your strong arm will guide us;
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!



SCRIPTURE READINGS: Matthew 7:13-29

MESSAGE **Sermon on the Mount:
Foundations and Fruitfulness**



PRAYER

HYMN *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
And all other ground is sinking sand
And all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. **[Refrain]**

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. **[Refrain]**

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. **[Refrain]**



BENEDICTION

May the grace of Christ attend you,
The love of God surround you,
And the Holy Spirit keep you,
That you may live in faith,
Abound in hope,
And grow in love,
Now and forevermore.
And all of God's people said, Amen!

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
- John 20:21

