

Outdoor Worship Service in the Park
Sunday, September 1, 2024



WELCOME-

SONG **"In The Sweet By and By"**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome, Beloved of God! For truly, you are deeply, wonderfully, beautifully loved by the God of all creation!

All: Come, let us worship God who loves us!

Leader: Whether your week was filled with mountain-high joys or valley-low sorrows, peace like a gently flowing river, or stress like a stormy gale, this is the time to rise and come away to worship God who sustains and tends to you.

All: Come, let us worship God who loves us!

Leader: In a world that pulls us this way and that, God's love is our True North, guiding us with an uncommon wisdom through all that life brings us.

All: Come, let us worship God who loves us!

Leader: Beloved, the time for singing has come, because God's love, care, and wisdom sustain and guide us wherever we go.

**All: Come, let us worship and sing to the God who loves us!
Amen!**

SONG **"Are You Washed In the Blood"**

OPENING PRAYER

SONG **"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-45

Jolie Rankin

SONG **"The Old Rugged Cross"**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:1-12

Jolie Rankin

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE & MEDITATION Matthew 14: 13-21

Rev. Kathy Kind

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

SONG **"Circle Medley"**

BENEDICTION

PICNIC COMMENCES



In the Sweet By and By

There's a land that is fairer than day
And by faith we can see it afar
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there

Chorus: In the sweet by and by
 We shall meet on that beautiful shore
 In the sweet by and by
 We shall meet on that beautiful shore

We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blessed
And our spirits shall sorrow no more
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest **Chorus**

To our bountiful Father above
We will offer our tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of His love
And the blessings that hallow our days **Chorus**

Are You Washed in the Blood

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power
Are you washed in the blood of the lamb
Are you fully trusting in his grace this hour
Are you washed in the blood of the lamb

Chorus: Are you washed **(are you washed)**
 In the blood **(in the blood)**
 In the soul cleansing blood of the lamb
 Are your garments spotless
 Are they white as snow
 Are you washed in the blood of the lamb

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side
Are you washed in the blood of the lamb
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified
Are you washed in the blood of the lamb **Chorus**

When the bridegroom cometh will your robes be white
Pure and white in the blood of the lamb
Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright
And be washed in the blood of the lamb **Chorus**

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin
And be washed in the blood of the lamb
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean
Oh be washed in the blood of the lamb **Chorus**





What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptation
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do your friends forsake you
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In his arms he'll take and shield you
Thou will find a solace there

Take it to the Lord in prayer

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the Dearest and Best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

Chorus: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
 Till my trophies at last I lay down
 I will cling to the old rugged cross
 And exchange it someday for a crown

Oh that old rugged cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary **Chorus**

In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me **Chorus**

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share **Chorus**





Circle Medley

Will the circle be unbroken
By and by, Lord, by and by
There's a better home a-waiting
In the sky, Lord, in the sky

Trials dark on every hand and we cannot understand
All the ways of God would lead us to that blessed Promised
Land;
But he guides us with his eye and we'll follow till we die,
We will understand it better by and by.
By and by, when the morning comes
When the saints of God are gathered home,
We will tell the story how we've overcome,
We will understand it better by and by.

I saw the light I saw the light.
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight.
Praise the lord I saw the light

Gimme that old time religion; gimme that old time religion
Gimme that old time religion; it's good enough for me.

Well I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more.
Well I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more.

Do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me (3 times)
Way beyond the blue

Circle Medley cont.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Just a few more weary days and then,
Oh, I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end,
I'll fly away
I'll fly away, fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

Oh when the saints go marching in, oh,
When the saints go marching in
Oh lord I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in

Swing low, sweet chariot;
Comin' for to carry me home;
Swing low, sweet chariot;
Comin' for to carry me home.

I'm gonna sing I'm gonna shout;
I'm gonna sing I'm gonna shout and praise the Lord!
When those gates are open wide
I'll be standin' by His side
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna shout and praise the Lord!
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna shout and praise the Lord!
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna shout and praise the Lord!





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