

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT Acoustic Worship Service

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." - John 6:35 (CEB)

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#### MESSAGE

"Jesus Restores Our Relationships"

#### SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:11-22

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#### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

#### **GREETING**

#### **SONG**

## "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

## Verse 1

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

## **Chorus**

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

#### Verse 2

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way Leaning on the everlasting arms O how bright the path grows from day to day Leaning on the everlasting arms

#### **Chorus**

#### Verse 3

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

#### Chorus

#### **Ending**

Leaning on the everlasting arms

## SONG "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

#### Verse 1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word; just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

### Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

#### Verse 2

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus Just from sin and self to cease Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest and joy and peace

#### **Chorus**

#### Verse 3

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend; and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

#### **Chorus**

## **Ending**

O for grace to trust him more!

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THE OFFERING

# SONG "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

## Chorus (2x)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus Look full in his wonderful face And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of his glory and grace

## SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:11-22 (NRSVUE)

11 So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— 12 remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, 15 abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, 16 and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. **17** So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, 18 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, 20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; 21 in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

MESSAGE

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving Lord, we have fallen short time and time again.

You have given us your word, both in scripture and in Son, you have promised us your presence, both in Spirit and in community, and you have graced us with your kingdom, both in teaching and in service.

Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject your purposes for us.

We do not love what you love.

We do not embrace what you embrace.

We do not defend what you have called us to defend.

Have mercy on us, O God of all ages past and all hope for years to come.

Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do.

And with your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we might receive full life in Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. Amen.

#### **COMMUNION**

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

#### Verse 1

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

### Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations
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

#### Verse 3

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 thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In his arms he'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

#### Verse 4

Blessed Savior Thou hast promised
Thou wilt all our burdens bear
May we ever Lord be bringing
All to Thee in earnest prayer
Soon in glory bright unclouded
There will be no need for prayer
Rapture praise and endless worship
Will be our sweet portion there

#### **BENEDICTION**

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