

HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.

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SCHUTTE

I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone;
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

CHORUS

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

CHORUS

COME THOU FOUNT

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger

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ROBINSON

Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love

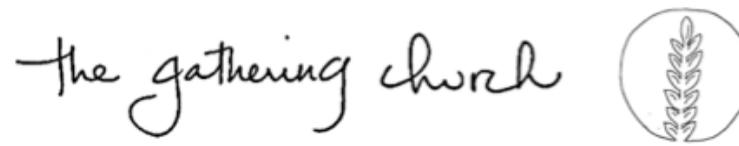
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above!
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above!

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW (DOXOLOGY)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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THOMAS/MAINZER



January 29, 2012
Psalm 99 | Isaiah 6:1-8

LEARNING GOD: The Big Moments
ISAIAH

"A century of sentimental depictions of a domesticated deity has rendered us nearly incapable of imagining this fearful holy presence. When we hear the word 'awesome,' we think of Dick Vitale describing a slam-dunk- rather than envisioning the terrifying presence of the living God. So we need Isaiah to model for us an authentic response to God's presence: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'"

-Richard B. Hays (2003)

HAPPENING AT THE GATHERING CHURCH (www.allgather.org/calendar)		
PRESENT BEFORE GOD	CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER	ENGAGED IN THE WORLD
<p>SUNDAY PRAYER TEAM: Join the prayer team each Sunday before worship at 9:30am to pray for our church and local communities.</p>	<p>HOME GROUPS: If you are interested getting involved with a home group in the new year, see Chris Breslin (chris@allgather.org). Home groups are a great way to get more closely connected to others in the church and to partner in discipleship and mission with others.</p>	<p>MUSIC VOLUNTEERS: Jeff is looking for interested volunteers to either help set up and run sound on Sunday mornings or who play an instrument or sing. He's always trying to expand our repertoire and participation in the very important ministry of the church. If you have a gift (either electronically or musically), please share it. Contact Jeff at jeff@allgather.org or talk to him following the service.</p>
<p>COMMUNICATION: To have an announcement included email: happenings@allgather.org. Keep up with the Gathering Church on Twitter (@allgather) or www.facebook.com/allgather. Check out Music from the Gathering Church: music.allgather.org (to stream or buy) or gatheringmusic.tumblr.com (blog).</p>		

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

NEANDER/GESANGBUCH

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work
And defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy
Shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things
Is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle,
Uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord!
Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

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WELCOME.

Welcome to the Gathering Church. We are a church that is focused on doing three things well: being present to God in worship, being connected to each other in community, and being engaged in the world by serving and sharing God's love. Thank you for gathering this morning to worship the Lord.

HOLY HOLY HOLY

HEBER/DYKES

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and Seraphim
Falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
In Earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity.

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GIVING AT THE GATHERING CHURCH.

Four ways to give financially: (1) In the black box on the back table on Sundays, (2) online through Paypal (www.allgather.org/giving/), (3) by automating a draft through your bank, or (4) by mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

RIPPON/TRADITIONAL

How firm a foundation
Ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.
What more can he say,
Than to you he hath said;
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

When through fiery trials
Thy pathway shall lie,
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume,
And thy gold to refine.

Fear not, I am with thee,
Oh be not dismayed
For I am thy God,
And will still give thee aid.
I strengthen thee, help thee,
And cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent Hand.

The soul that on Jesus
Hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not
Desert to His foes.
That soul, though all Hell
Should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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WE FALL DOWN

TOMLIN

We fall down, We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of Your mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy
Is the Lamb

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KIDS' DISMISSAL & PASSING OF THE PEACE.

As the children are dismissed to participate in Gathering Kids activities, find someone you don't know, welcome them, and exchange a sign of Christ's welcome and peace.

SERMON NOTES.

COMMUNION.

Come and receive of the feast that Jesus offers those who follow him. During this time we remember Jesus' sacrifice and are nourished by his Body that was broken on the cross for us. For those with Gluten allergies, let your server know and they'll provide you with a Gluten-free option. For all those serving either with the children or the band, there will be a server available in the music room immediately following the end of service.