

ANNOUNCEMENTS www.allgather.org/calendar

The Gathering Church's big **Easter Egg Hunt** is right around the corner! Help our kids have a great Easter egg hunt by donating plastic eggs and small egg stuffers (erasers, stickers, temporary tattoos, small toys, or wrapped non-chocolate candy). We will be collecting these the last 3 Sundays in March (3/15, 3/22, 3/29). Drop them off with Lindsay Rogers at the kids' sign-in table or in the basket by the gym entrance.

The next retreat for **Marked Men for Christ** is coming up on March 20-22. Visit www.markedmenforchrist.org/ to register and for more information. Contact Sandro Pinheiro: sandro.pinheiro@duke.edu.

INFORMATION & CONNECTING

To find out more about the Gathering Church, or to connect, please fill out a card on the back table and place it in the black box.

GIVING www.allgather.org/giving

Giving is a vital part of our worship of God. If you would like to give this morning, you may do so by putting your offering in the black box on the back table. Thank you for your participation in the life and mission of this church.

Other ways to give:

- (1) By automating a draft through your bank.
- (2) By mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516.
- (3) Online through Paypal.

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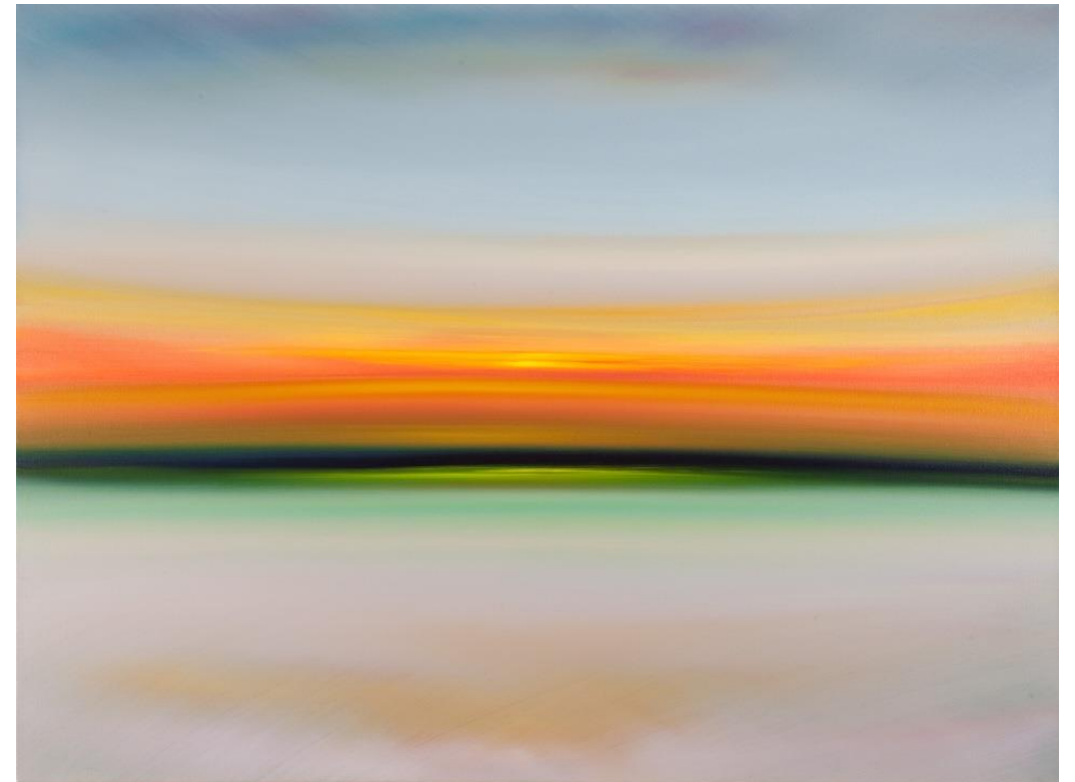
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March 15, 2015
Psalm 121 | Genesis 3:1-13



Progeny, by Linda Ruth Dickinson

Beginnings Matter - VII

“Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.”

-Psalm 37:1-6

WELCOME TO THIS WORSHIP SERVICE OF THE GATHERING CHURCH

Whether you come today as a skeptic, seeker, or believer, our hope is that you will sense the welcome of God, the love of others, and the opportunity to join Jesus Christ in sharing the grace of God with all people.

MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOR

WILKINSON/GORDON

May the mind of Christ my Savior
Live in me from day to day
By his love and power controlling
All I do and say

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea
Him exalting, self-abasing, this is victory
May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through his power
May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me

May his beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win
And may they forget the channel
Seeing only him

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing

May the mind of Christ my Savior
Live in me from day to day
By his love and power controlling
All I do and say
May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me
May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me

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WELCOME

I CAN'T HELP MYSELF

MCCRACKEN

I confess the things I am afraid of
Thorns and danger just around the bend
I pray for tongues of fire
And bands of angels
To come and circle 'round me like a fence

My enemies surround me like an army
Within, without, the battle's raging on
I pray the Spirit will be strong and mighty
For courage through the night
Until the dawn

I lift my eyes to the hills
Where comes my help?
I lift my hands, empty hands
I can't help myself
I can't help myself
No, I can't help myself

Oh trust the Lord
My soul and all that is in me
Oh trust the light to show your darkest parts
With wounds of truth and love
A friend who has known me
A fool would keep his secrets in his heart

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NEARER MY GOD TO THEE

ADAMS/MASON

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me
Still all my song would be
Nearer, my God, to thee
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee

There let the way appear, steps unto heav'n
All that Thou sendest me in mercy giv'n
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to thee
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee

Though like the wanderer
The sun gone down
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to thee
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee

The with my waking thoughts
Bright with thy praise
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to thee
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee

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DOXOLOGY

THOMAS/MAINZER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

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NOTES

PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

REDMAN

Blessed be your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be your name
And blessed be your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be your name

And blessed be your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be your name

Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in
Lord, still I will say

Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in
Lord, still I will say

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

Blessed be your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's "all as it should be"
Blessed be your name

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COMMUNION

Each Sunday, we remember that we only find life in Jesus, through the love he demonstrated by his death on the cross. So, bringing nothing, we come and receive his grace in the Bread and the Cup that he offers to those who follow him.

PRAYER

If you would like to have someone pray for you or for any other need, you will find Prayer Team members at the back of the gym who will gladly pray with you.

BE THOU MY VISION

FORGAILL/HULL

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
 Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
 Thou my best thought by day or by night
 Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
 Thou mine inheritance now and always
 Thou and thou only first in my heart
 High King of heaven my treasure thou art

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
 Thou my great Father and I thy true son
 Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

High King of heaven my victory won
 May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun
 Heart of my own heart whatever befall
 Still be my vision O ruler of all

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LORD I NEED YOU

REEVES, STANFILL, MAHER, NOCKELS, CARSON

Lord, I come, I confess
 Bowing here I find my rest
 Without you I fall apart
 You're the one that guides my heart

Where sin runs deep your grace is more
 Where grace is found is where you are
 And where you are, Lord, I am free
 Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need you, O I need you
 Every hour I need you
 My one defense, my righteousness
 O God, how I need you

Teach my song to rise to you
 When temptation comes my way
 And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you
 Jesus, you're my hope and stay

Written by Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels and Daniel Carson
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DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN/YOUTH AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Children and Youth are dismissed to participate in their various classes. As they leave, meet and welcome those around you, especially those you might not know. Feel free to fill in the front and center areas.

GENESIS 3:1-13

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."