

GATHERING MUSIC

Had to find some higher ground
 Had some fear to get around
 You can't say what you don't know
 Later on won't work no more
 Last time though I hid my tracks
 So well I could not get back
 Yeah my way was hard to find
 Can't sell your soul for peace of mind

Square one, my slate is clear
 Rest your head on me my dear
 It took a world of trouble,
 It took a world of tears
 It took a long time to get back here

SQUARE ONE – TOM PETTY

Try so hard to stand alone
 Struggle to see past my nose
 Always had more dogs than bones
 I could never wear those clothes
 It's a dark victory
 You won and you also lost
 Told her you were satisfied
 But it never came across

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SERMON NOTES.

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WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME

MORGAN

Let the weak say, "I am strong"
 Let the poor say, "I am rich"
 Let the blind say, "I can see"
 It's what the Lord has done in me

To the river I will wade
 There my sins are washed away
 From the heavens' mercy streams
 Of the Savior's love for me

Let the weak say, "I am strong"
 Let the poor say, "I am rich"
 Let the blind say, "I can see"
 It's what the Lord has done in me

I will rise from waters deep
 Into the saving arms of God
 I will sing salvation songs
 Jesus Christ has set me free

CHORUS

Hosanna, hosanna
To the Lamb that was slain
Hosanna, hosanna
Jesus died and rose again

Let the weak say, "I am strong"
 Let the poor say, "I am rich"
 Let the blind say, "I can see"
 It's what the Lord has done in me

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PRaise GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW (DOXOLOGY)

THOMAS/MAINZER

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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the gathering church



March 18, 2012
 Psalm 27 | Romans 8:28-39

FIRST THINGS FIRST

"Wherever we are, God is here. There is no place, there can be no place where he is not. Ten million intelligences standing at as many points in space and separated by incomprehensible distances can each one say with equal truth, 'God is here.' ...These are truths believed by every instructed Christian. It remains for us to think on them and pray over them until they begin to glow within us."

-A.W. Tozer (1982)

HAPPENING AT THE GATHERING CHURCH (www.allgather.org/calendar)		
PRESENT BEFORE GOD	CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER	ENGAGED IN THE WORLD
<p>HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars for our upcoming celebrations:</p> <p>April 1st: Palm Sunday at Creekside Elementary School. April 6th: Good Friday at Extraordinary Ventures at 7pm. No childcare will be provided but kids are welcomed. April 8th: Easter Sunday at Creekside Elementary School.</p>	<p>EASTER EGG HUNT: We're looking for donated plastic eggs and stuffers (small toys, erasers, stickers, WRAPPED candy) for our April 8th egg hunt. Donations will be collected at Creekside on Sundays over the next two weeks.</p> <p>EASTER HAMS & TABLE DECORATIONS: Contact meglong@gmail.com for more information on preparing a ham and/or decorating a table for our Easter Sunday potluck meal.</p>	<p>ENGAGEMENT PARTNERS WEBSITE: Check out the new "engagement" pages on the website for more information about our church's involvement locally and internationally (including some of our folks currently abroad!). You can also find point persons to contact to get involved with serving:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">http://www.allgather.org/engaged/</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>		

HIGHER GROUND

OATMAN/GABRIEL

I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where those abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

REFRAIN

**Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Heaven's table land,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.**

I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till Heav'n I've found,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

REFRAIN

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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.

LORD MOST HIGH

HARRIS/SADLER

From the ends of the earth
(From the ends of the earth)
From the depth of the sea
(From the depth of the sea)
From the height of the heaven
(From the height of the heaven)
Your name we raise

From the lips of all people
(From the lips of all people)
Your song we raise Lord

**Throughout the endless ages
You have be crowned with praises
Lord most high
Exalted in every nation
You're sovereign of all creation
Lord most high
Be magnified**

From the hearts of the weak
(From the hearts of the weak)
From the shouts of the strong
(From the shouts of the strong)

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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.

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

CHORUS

*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

CHORUS

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BE STILL, MY SOUL

VON SCHLEGEL/SIBELIUS

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change, God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your Heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
The Christ who ruled them
While He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise
On earth, be leaving, to Thy Lord on high;
Acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways,
So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye.
Be still, my soul: the Sun of life divine
Through passing clouds
Shall but more brightly shine.

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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.