

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. In front of the stage there is an area available for kneeling and prayer. Feel free to take some time before and after receiving to pray. For all those serving either with the kids' ministry or the band, there will be a server available in the music room immediately following the end of service.

RIVER WHERE MERCY FLOWS

MILLER

There is a river where mercy flows,
I'm going to follow it where it goes
Where it goes, where it goes follow wherever it goes

There is a fountain that will cleanse
all those who wash there from all sins
From all sins, from all sins, all those who wash
from all sins

There is a refuge for wounded souls, where
broken hearts will be made whole

Be made whole, be made whole,
broken hearts will be made whole

There was a death that empties tombs,
there was a scar that heals all wounds
Heals all wounds, heals all wounds, a scar that heals
all wounds

There is one name that brings us home
It is no other than Christ alone
Christ alone, Christ alone
No other than Christ alone

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OH TO BE LOVED BY JESUS

COCKRELL

Oh to be loved by Jesus,
oh to be loved by Him
Oh to have joy and peace within,
oh to be loved by Him

He knows the name of my sorrows
He knows the names of my fears
Why should I let them bother me for I know He is
near

Oh to be loved by Jesus, oh to be loved by Him
Oh to have joy and peace within,
oh to be loved by Him

And If no other will love me, in this life I roam
Oh there'd be no love I'd long for,
I know I am His own

Oh to be loved by Jesus, oh to be loved by Him
Oh to have joy and peace within,
oh to be loved by Him

Written by Thad Cockrell ©2009 Major 7 Music (SESAC)

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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HAPPENING AT THE GATHERING CHURCH (www.allgather.org/calendar)

PRESENT TO GOD

CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER

ENGAGED IN THE WORLD

On Sunday, **May 13**, we will hold a **Child Dedication** as part of our worship service. We get to celebrate the gift of the lives of these children with their parents and to accept the privilege and responsibility of loving and serving them in Christ. Let **Mark** know if you'd like to participate (mark@allgather.org)!

Each week during this sermon series, we'll share **Communion** together. If you would like to participate by **baking bread** for our celebration, let **Chris** know (chris@allgather.org).

Next Sunday, **May 6**, we'll recognize and pray for our **graduates**. What a great way for our community to be involved in the commissioning of young people to serve the Lord in their fields as many of them leave us! If you are a graduate and would like to participate, email **Chris** (chris@allgather.org).

Fill out a visitor's card to be included in church communications. To have an announcement included email: happenings@allgather.org. Keep up with the Gathering Church on Twitter ([@allgather](https://twitter.com/allgather)) or www.facebook.com/allgather. Check out Music from the Gathering Church: music.allgather.org (to stream or buy) or blog.allgather.org.



JESUS: The Way of Obedience

“The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heartbreaking needs, is whether those who are identified as ‘Christians’ will become disciples – students, apprentices, practitioners – of Jesus Christ, steadily learning from him how to live the life of the Kingdom of the Heavens into every corner of human existence.”
-Dallas Willard

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE		TRADITIONAL
I am weak but Thou art strong Jesus keep me from all wrong I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee		When my feeble life is o'er Time for me shall be no more Guide me gently, safely o'er To Thy kingdom's shore, to Thy shore
Just a closer walk with Thee Grant it, Jesus, is my plea Daily walking close to Thee Let it be, dear Lord, let it be		When life's sun sinks in the west Lord, may I have done my best May I find sweet peace and rest In that happy home of the blessed
		CHORUS
Traditional; Lyric Composer Unknown Music – “Closer Walk” Composer Unknown		

WELCOME
Welcome to the Gathering Church. We are a church that is growing in 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.

ARISE, MY SOUL ARISE		WESLEY/TOWNER
Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears Before the throne my Surety stands Before the throne my Surety stands My name is written on his hands.		Five bleeding wounds he bears, Received on Calvary They pour effectual prayer, They strongly plead for me "Forgive him, oh forgive!" they cry, "Forgive him, oh forgive!" they cry, "Don't let the ransomed sinner die!"
		CHORUS
Arise! (arise!) Arise (arise) Arise, arise, my soul, arise! Arise! (arise!) Arise (arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise Shake off your guilty fears and rise!		My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear With confidence I now draw nigh With confidence I now draw nigh And "Father, Abba, Father" cry!
		CHORUS
He ever lives above, for me to intercede His all-redeeming love His precious blood to plead His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race And sprinkles now the throne of grace		
CHORUS		
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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.

MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST		PRENTISS
More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee; More love, more love, more love to Thee! More love, more love, more love to Thee!		Let sorrow do its work, come grief or pain; Sweet are Thy messengers, sweet their refrain, When they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to Thee; More love, more love, more love to Thee! More love, more love, more love to Thee!
Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best. This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee; More love, more love, more love to Thee! More love, more love, more love to Thee!		Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise; This be the parting cry my heart shall raise; This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee; More love, more love, more love to Thee! More love, more love, more love to Thee!
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ABIDE WITH ME		LYTE/MONK
Abide with me. Fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide; When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.		I need thy presence Every passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
Thou on my head In early youth didst smile, And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee. On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.		Hold Thou Thy cross Before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies; Heav'n's morning breaks, And earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, Abide with me.
Lyrics by Henry F. Lyte (1847) Music by William H. Monk (1861)		

KIDS' DISMISSAL & PASSING OF THE PEACE	
As the children are dismissed to participate in Gathering Kids activities, find someone you do not know, welcome them, and exchange a sign of Christ's welcome and peace.	
SERMON NOTES	
[SOMETHING I'VE LEARNED]	[SOMETHING I CAN SHARE]