

IN FEAST OR FALLOW

MCCRACKEN

When the fields are dry and the winter is long
 Blessed are the meek the hungry the poor
 When my soul is downcast and my voice has no song
 For mercy for comfort I wait on the lord

On a cross of wood his blood was outpoured
 He rose from the ground like a bird to the sky
 Bringing peace to our violence and crushing death's door
 Our maker incarnate our God who provides

In the harvest feast or the fallow ground
 My certain hope is in Jesus found
 My lot my cup my portion sure
 Whatever comes we shall endure
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Emmanuel come, o come Emmanuel
 When the Earth beneath me crumbles and quakes
 Not a sparrow falls nor a hair from my head
 Without his hand to guide me my shield and my strength
 In joy or in sorrow in life or in death

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JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

CROSBY/DOANE

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
 There a precious fountain
 Free to all, a healing stream
 Flows from Calvary's mountain.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
 Bring its scenes before me;
 Help me walk from day to day,
 With its shadows o'er me.

In the cross, in the cross,
 Be my glory ever;
 Till my raptured soul shall find
 Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait
 Hoping, trusting ever,
 Till I reach the golden strand,
 Just beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
 Love and mercy found me;
 There the bright and morning star
 Sheds its beams around me.

Words by Fanny Crosby (1869) Music by W. Howard Doane

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 Psalm 133 | Acts 15:36-16:5



LIVING IN GOD'S STORY
A Study of the Book of Acts



"That is the nature of community. Slices of anger. Splinters of greed. Slivers of spinelessness. Yet mission continues despite squabbles. Generosity grows despite greed. And the church expands in glorious diversity and splendid grace despite a questionable call here or there. That's why the paragraphs that contain the sharp split between Paul and Barnabas, as well as Timothy's bemusing circumcision, end on a high note: 'So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.'"

-Jack Levison

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<p><i>Life Sessions</i> include a short weekly check-in with 2-3 others along with movement towards 30 minutes of daily personal time with Christ. To try out this 3 month summer experiment along with us see Todd Chalfin or send your name and phone # to lifesessions@allgather.org. The deadline for final registration is today!</p> <p>Potluck. Mark your calendars for our next Potluck on June 15.</p> <p>Fill out a blue card to receive our churchwide midweek email keeping you abreast of news and opportunities.</p>	<p>Office at Hamilton Centre 1415 W NC54 Ste 114 Durham, NC 27707</p> <p>p919.797.2884 f919.908.1171</p> <p>@allgather facebook.com/allgather</p> <p>Access a password-protected Church Directory at: www.allgather.org/info/directory/</p>	<p>Ways to continue to worship through giving:</p> <p>(1) In the black box on the back table on Sundays. (2) By automating a draft through your bank. (3) By mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516. (4) Online through Paypal.</p>

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a 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!

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.

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.

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.

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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.

HOLD US TOGETHER

MAHER

It don't have a job, don't pay your bills
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills
Won't fix your life in five easy steps
Ain't the law of the land or the government?
But it's all you need

It's waiting for you knocking at your door
In the moment of truth when your heart hits the floor
And you're on your knees

And love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper
So the whole world would know that we're not alone

This is the first day of the rest of your life
This is the first day of the rest of your life
'Cause even in the dark you can still see the light
It's gonna be alright, it's gonna be alright

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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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NEVER ONCE

REDMAN/INGRAM/WANSTALL

Standing on this mountaintop
looking just how far we've come
Knowing that for every step You were with us
Kneeling on this battle ground
seeing just how much You've done
Knowing every victory is Your power in us

Never once did we ever walk alone
Never once did You leave us on our own
You are faithful, God, You are faithful

Scars and struggles on the way
but with joy our hearts can say
Yes, our hearts can say

Every step we are breathing in Your grace
Evermore we'll be breathing out Your praise
You are faithful, God, You are faithful
You are faithful, God, You are faithful

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DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN & THE 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. As the kids leave, please fill in the two center seating areas. There are bibles available for use on the back table if you didn't bring one.

SERMON NOTES

[Something I have learned.]

[Something I will share.]

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 and Blood that was poured out for the sins of many. In front of the stage there is an area available for private prayer. There are also members of the congregation and Prayer Team available for prayer in the cafeteria during and after communion.