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THE WORD IS RIGHT HERE AND NOW

Psalm 67 | Deuteronomy 30:11-20

GATHERING
CHURCH



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."

**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.**

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

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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GLORIOUS

BROWN/BALOCHE

Look inside the mystery see the empty cross
See the risen Savior victorious and strong
No one else above Him none as strong to save
He alone has conquered the power of the grave

**Glorious, my eyes have seen the glory of the Lord
Glorious, He stands above the rulers of the earth**

Look beyond the tombstone see the living God
See the resurrected ruler of my heart
No one else above Him none to match His worth
The hope of His returning fills the universe

**Glorious, my eyes have seen the glory of the Lord
Glorious, He stands above the rulers of the earth
Glorious, glorious, Lord You are glorious**

REPEAT

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GOD OF THIS CITY

BOYD/MCCANN/JORDAN/COMFORT/BLEAKLEY

You're the God of this City
You're the King of these people
You're the Lord of this nation
You are...

You're the Light in this darkness
You're the Hope to the hopeless
You're the Peace to the restless, You are...

There is no one like our God
There is no one like our God

**For greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this City
Greater thing have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this City**

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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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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.

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: 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: 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: 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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COMMUNION.

Come and receive the meal 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 volunteering with the kids or playing in the band, Communion will be available immediately following the worship service in the Music Room.

NEW WONDERS

McCracken

Look again at the cross
Where you are found and lost
Make a new song of praise
Fill your cup at the mouth of the spring
New wonders we will sing
As the spirit pulls the embers of our hearts

Tell the story of Jesus the Christ
And his promises we write
On the doorway of our house
Hold the mirror

And remember your own face
Brother do not forfeit grace
As the Savior pleads your pardon with his Blood

Look around every sparrow every flower
All creation sings out loud of a grand design
You are small but you are filled with bread and life
If you seek then you will find
As the Father looks with favor on his child
Oh the Savior pleads your pardon with his blood
And the Spirit blows the embers of our hearts.

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IN CHRIST ALONE

GETTY/TOWNEND

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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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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HAPPENINGS (www.allgather.org/calendar)

PRESENT BEFORE GOD

CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER

ENGAGED IN THE WORLD

ORDINATION SERVICE FOR CHRIS BRESLIN: On Oct 9, we'll celebrate Chris Breslin's call to vocational ministry. The Leadership Team along with a few additional members of Chris' ordination council will lead the congregation in this affirmation. Dr. Curtis Freeman, director of the Baptist House of Studies at Duke Divinity School will preach.

PRAYERS FOR HALLIE: Thanks for your continued prayers for Hallie Crawford. Her parents, Bob & Melanie have set up a website to track her progress, create a profile and receive updates: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/hallie-elizabethcrawford>.

SUNDAY PRAYER TEAM: Join the prayer team each Sunday before worship at 9:30am to pray for our church and local communities.

HOME GROUPS: Over the next couple weeks our home groups will continue to form before they launch on the first week of October. If you are interested in getting in a group (or even starting a group of your own!) please see Chris Breslin (chris@allgather.org) and visit www.allgather.org/community/homegroups.

GATHERING KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Join in the fun of practicing and preparing for our first ever Kids Christmas Program. All kids are invited to participate! Rehearsals will take place on Sundays after church (Oct 16-Dec 4) from 12:15-12:45 in the Music Room at Creekside. To get in on the fun, contact Claire Greene (bcbroynhill@gmail.com).

VISITOR CARDS: If you are new or just have never filled out a visitor card before, have a little fun and fill out a Gathering Church card or Mad Lib to help us get you connected to the life of this community.

REALITY MINISTRIES FUNDRAISING EVENT: Chili-cookers needed! We will again be supporting Reality's Annual Celebration Fundraiser on **Thursday November 3rd** by providing Chili! We will need 20 crocks (15 meat and 5 veggie) each feeding 10-12 people, plus a serving utensil, both labeled with their name, drop off by 6pm on Thursday, Nov 3rd. You don't need to stay for the dinner but it's a great opportunity to learn more about Reality. Contact reneegambill@gmail.com If you are interested in supporting this awesome organization in this way.

EAGLES NEST TUTORING is still looking for tutors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 - 6 pm. It's a great tutoring program for the children of Oak Creek Village Apts. who need assistance with English as their second language. If you'd like to volunteer to tutor, contact Laura Yost-Grande at laurajyg@gmail.com.

COMMUNICATION: 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.