

**WE ARE NOT OVERCOME**

Flesh will fail, bones will break  
 Thieves will steal, the Earth will shake  
 Night will fall, the light will fade  
 The Lord will give and take away

Put no trust in the Earth, in the sod you stand upon  
 Flowers fade into dust,  
 The Lord will make a place for us

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**HEISKELL/WARDELL**

**Because of His great love, we are not overcome  
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Have no fear for your life;  
 Turn your cheek, turn your cheek  
 Bear the yolk of love and death;  
 The Lord will give life and breath

**COME THOU FOUNT**

Come Thou fount of every blessing  
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
 Streams of mercy never ceasing  
 Call for songs of loudest praise  
 Teach me some melodious sonnet  
 Sung by flaming tongues above  
 Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
 Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
 Hither by Thy help I come  
 And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
 Safely to arrive at home

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**ROBINSON**

Jesus sought me when a stranger  
 Wandering from the fold of God  
 He, to rescue me from danger,  
 Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor  
 Daily I'm constrained to be!  
 Let Thy goodness like a fetter,  
 bind my wandering heart to Thee  
 Prone to wander Lord I feel it,  
 Prone to leave the God I love  
 Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it,  
 Seal it for Thy courts above

**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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**THOMAS/MAINZER**

*the gathering church*



November 24, 2013

Guest Speaker: Jon Acuff



**LIVING IN GOD'S STORY**

*7 Study of the Book of Acts*



"I pray for you, that all your misgivings will be melted to thanksgivings. Remember that the shadow a thing casts often far exceeds the size of the thing itself (especially if the light be low on the horizon) and though some future fear may strut brave darkness as you approach, the thing itself will be but a speck when seen from beyond. Oh that He would restore us often with that 'aspect from beyond,' to see a thing as He sees it, to remember that He deals with us as with sons."

-Jim Elliot

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# GATHERING MUSIC – “THE VALLEY MAY BE DARK”

EADER

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## COME, FOR THE FEAST IS SPREAD

BURTON/GORDON

Come, for the feast is spread, hark to the call;  
 Come to the living Bread, offered to all.  
 Come to His house of wine, low on His breast recline,  
 All that He has is thine; come, sinner, come;  
 Come, sinner, come.

Millions have been supplied; no one was e'er denied;  
 Come to the crimson tide; come, sinner, come;  
 Come, sinner, come.

Come to the throne of grace, boldly draw near;  
 He who would win the race must tarry here.

Whate'er thy want may be, here is the grace for thee,  
 Jesus thine only plea; come, sinner, come;  
 Come, sinner, come.

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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.

## CHILD DEDICATION (STAND AND READ TOGETHER AS A GATHERED COMMUNITY)

**I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever.  
 Everyday I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever.  
 Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.  
 One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.  
 They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works.  
 They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds.  
 They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.  
 The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.  
 The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.  
 All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.  
 They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,  
 so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.**

## 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

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  
 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...  
**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"

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## HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

RIPPON/TRADITIONAL

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord,  
 Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.  
 What more can he say, than to you He hath said;  
 To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, oh be not dismayed  
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.  
 I strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent Hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
 My Grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply.  
 The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design  
 Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
 I will not, I will not desert to His foes.  
 That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake  
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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## 10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

REDMAN, MYRIN

**Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
 Worship His Holy name  
 Sing like never before, O my soul  
 I'll worship Your Holy name**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
 For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
 Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

The sun comes up It's a new day dawning  
 It's time to sing Your song again  
 Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
 Let me be singing when the evening comes

And on that day when my strength is failing  
 The end draws near and my time has come  
 Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
 Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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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.