

Service of Word and Table

Wednesday Evening

**All Creatures of
Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,
by which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire who lights the night,
providing warmth, enhancing sight,
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The flowers and fruits
that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O praise ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him
cast your care!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon

Rev. Ryan Hall, Rev. Esther Rodriguez

REV. RYAN HALL:

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

REV. ESTHER RODRIGUEZ:

During all ages of the church, we
have struggled to live in peace.

We are a church that is united and
divided.

REV. ESTHER RODRIGUEZ:

In this room we have sharp divisions
mingled with comfortable unity.

REV. HALL, REV. RODRIGUEZ:

Therefore, before God and one another, let us join in this unified confession of our divisiveness.

CONGREGATION SIDE A:

We have come to our views and convictions...

CONGREGATION SIDE B:

**by careful study, honest inquiry,
rigorous practice...**

ALL:

**and by listening to people
we admire and respect.**

CONGREGATION SIDE A:

O God, we confess that we have held these convictions and commitments so tightly that we cannot hear contrasting views from your other children.

CONGREGATION SIDE B:

**O God, we confess a tendency to
place our faith in our own
understanding of right belief and
right action, rather than in
your wild and unpredictable love.**

ALL:

**We agree in the call
to live a holy life.**

**We do not fully agree on all
aspects of how to live a
blameless and holy life.**

CONGREGATION SIDE A:

O Christ, we acknowledge that we have limited the grand scope of your gospel in order to bring exclusive focus to particular social issues.

CONGREGATION SIDE B:

**O Christ, we acknowledge that we
have allowed our fears over what
may happen to limit our
full-hearted pursuit of your
incarnational mission.**

ALL:

**Forgive us for forgetting
that your strength is made perfect
in our weakness.**

**Heal us from our sinful desire
to be proven correct.**

ALL:

Teach us your grace is sufficient.

**Humbly we ask that you would
guide us, O Great Comforter, as
we prepare to receive the unifying
Sacrament of Holy Communion.**

All pray in silence.

REV. RYAN HALL:

**God has done what was
impossible for the Law, since it
was weak because of selfishness.**

REV. RYAN HALL:

God condemned sin in the body by sending his own Son to deal with sin in the same body as humans, who are controlled by sin.

REV. ESTHER RODRIGUEZ:

All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children.

REV. ESTHER RODRIGUEZ:

With this Spirit, we cry, “Abba, Father.” The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God’s children. But if we are children, we are also heirs.

REV. ESTHER RODRIGUEZ:

We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

CONGREGATION SIDE A:

**In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!**

CONGREGATION SIDE B:

**In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!**

ALL:
Glory to God! Amen!

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

When we've been there
ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less day
to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Prayer of Humble Access

Rev. Mark Charles

We do not presume to come to this
thy table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to
gather up the crumbs under thy table.

But thou art the same Lord, whose
property is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to partake of this Sacrament of thy
Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in
newness of life, may grow into his
likeness, and may evermore dwell in
him, and he in us. **Amen.**

The Bishop's Offering

*Rev. Latricia Scriven - Impact at Florida A&M
University Wesley Foundation*

*Rev. June Edwards, Rev. Dan Jackson, and Rev.
Kris Schonewolf - United Methodist Church in the
Lowell Correctional Institution*

Rev. Dr. Will Willimon

*Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry
at the Divinity School, Duke University
Retired United Methodist Bishop*

Scripture Reading

Bishop Will Willimon

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.

Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals;
and greet no one on the road.

Whatever house you enter, first say,
'Peace to this house!' And if anyone
is there who shares in peace, your
peace will rest on that person; but if
not, it will return to you.

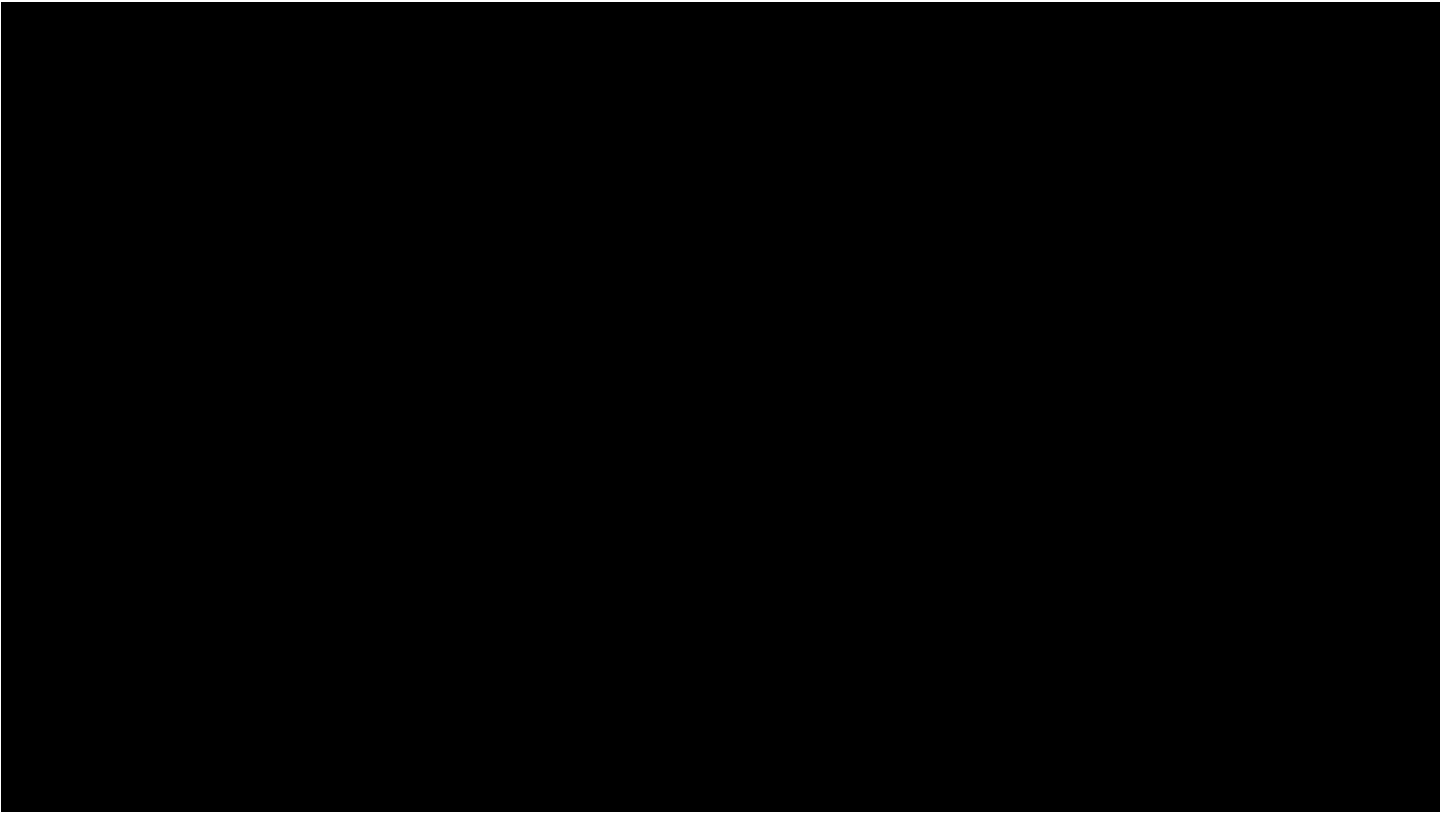
Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

Luke 10:1-9

Sent, Together

Bishop Will Willimon



The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.

From heaven he came
and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;

One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,

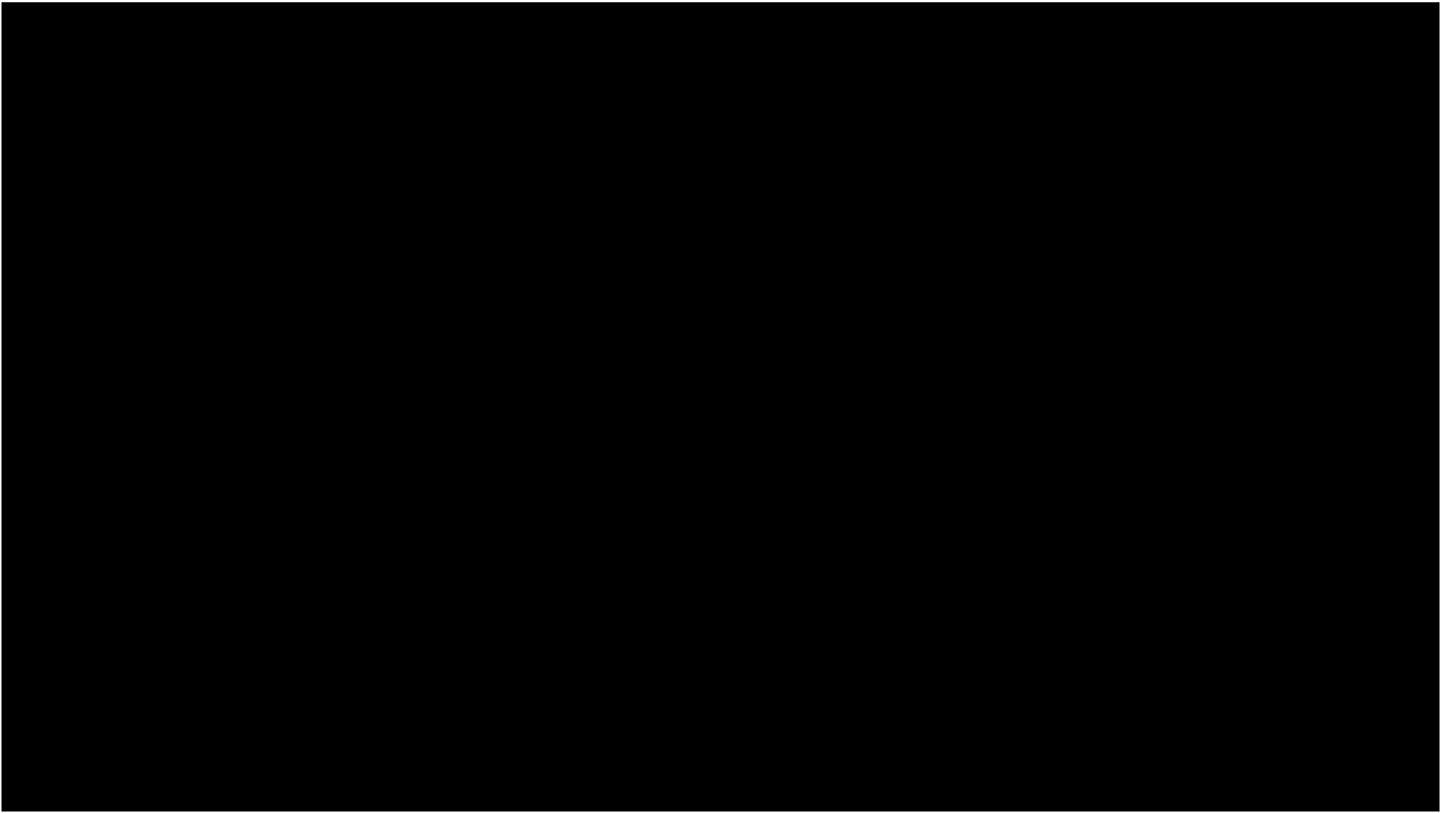
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;

Till, with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.



The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass
against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom,
And the power and the glory
forever. Amen.**

**Let Us Break
Bread Together**

Let us break bread together
on our knees, (on our knees)
let us break bread together
on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together
on our knees, (on our knees)
let us drink wine together
on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together
on our knees, (on our knees)
let us praise God together
on our knees. (on our knees)

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with my face to the rising sun,
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Be Still, My Soul

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.

**Come, Sinners to
the Gospel Feast**

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast,
let every soul be Jesus' guest.
Ye need not one be left behind,
for God hath bid all humankind.

Do not begin to make excuse;
ah! do not you his grace refuse;
your worldly cares and pleasures
leave, and take what
Jesus hath to give.

Come and partake the gospel feast,
be saved from sin, in Jesus rest;
O taste the goodness of our God,
and eat his flesh and drink his blood.

See him set forth before your eyes;
behold the bleeding sacrifice;
his offered love
make haste to embrace,
and freely now be saved by grace.

Ye who believe his record true shall
sup with him and he with you;
come to the feast, be saved from sin,
for Jesus waits to take you in.

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now.

I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender;
make me, Savior, wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly know that thou art mine.

I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power;
let thy blessing fall on me.

I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender;
now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory, to his name!

I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river,
attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;

Whatever my lot,
thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well
with my soul,
it is well, it is well
with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,

That Christ has regarded
my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood
for my soul.

It is well
with my soul,
it is well, it is well
with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss
of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,

Is nailed to the cross,
and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul!

It is well
with my soul,
it is well, it is well
with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day
when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;

The trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well
with my soul,
it is well, it is well
with my soul.

Living Vital Worship

**God has told us what is good and
what the Lord requires from us:**

**to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with our God.**

For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

By the mercies of God, we present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship.

**We will deny ourselves, take up
our cross, and follow Christ.**

**And as we go, we will make
disciples of all nations,**

Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and we will teach them to obey everything that Christ has commanded us. Amen.

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit,
washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture
now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness,
lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.