

Worship Guide Sunday, March 9, 2025

Choir - "Be Unto Your Name"

Throughout Scripture, God's people have used choirs to lead in worship. King David appointed hundreds of singers to minister musically to the Lord morning and evening (1 Chronicles 23:30). The choir serves in this same spirit today, testifying to God's eternality, love, and holiness, and stirring our hearts to praise him.

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We are a moment, You are forever Lord of the Ages, God before time We are a vapor, You are eternal Love everlasting, reigning on high

Chorus

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Highest praises, honor and glory Be unto Your name, be unto Your name 2

We are the broken, You are the healer Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save You are the love song we'll sing forever Bowing before You, blessing Your name

Chorus

Call to Worship - Psalm 150

As the fountain of all truth, goodness, and beauty, God deserves our trust, honor, and adoration. The call to worship invites us to consider whether we are making God the object of our worship, and stirs us to recenter our lives on him alone.

1 Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! 3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

4 Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! 5 Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Song of Adoration

The song of adoration expresses our awe at God's love, power, and goodness.

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

1

You made the starry hosts
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne
From desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor

Chorus

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord Sing His greatness all creation Praise the Lord, raise your voice You heights and all you depths From furthest east to west Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord 2

You reached into the dust
In love, Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus

Chorus

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Let symphonies resound
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

Chorus

Words of Confession

Confession means we are completely honest with God and others about our flaws and failures. Instead of hiding in shame or self-defensiveness, we admit our sin, and open ourselves to God's mercy available through Christ alone.

Romans 5:6-11, 18-21

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. . . 18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Song of Confession and Praise - "King of Kings"

1

In the darkness we were waiting / Without hope, without light 'Til from Heaven You came running / There was mercy in Your eyes To fulfill the law and prophets / To a virgin came the word From a throne of endless glory / To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father, praise the Son / Praise the Spirit, three in one God of glory, Majesty / Praise forever to the King of Kings

2

To reveal the kingdom coming /And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation / You did not despise the cross For even in your suffering / You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation / Jesus for our sake you died

Chorus

3

And the morning that You rose / All of Heaven held its breath 'Til that stone was moved for good / For the Lamb had conquered death And the dead rose from their tombs / And the angels stood in awe For the souls of all who'd come / To the Father are restored

4

And the church of Christ was born / Then the Spirit lit the flame Now this gospel truth of old / Shall not kneel, shall not faint By His blood and in His name / In His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ / Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Prayer

Prayer is talking to God—declaring our desire for his glory, confessing our sins, thanking him for his boundless grace, and bringing to him our concerns for ourselves, others, the church, and the world. Scripture teaches us to make "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings ... for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way" (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

Missionary: Todd & Sarah Hudson (Austria)

Civil Servant: Lori Weaver, Commissioner, NH Dept. of Health & Human Svcs.

Words of Assurance

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Song of Assurance

1

How great the chasm that lay between us / How high the mountain I could not climb In desperation, I turned to heaven / And spoke Your name into the night Then through the darkness, Your lovingkindness / Tore thru' the shadows of my soul The work is finished, the end is written / Jesus Christ, my living hope

2

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory / To wear my sin and bear my shame The cross has spoken, I am forgiven / The King of Kings calls me His own Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever / Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free / Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain / There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ, my living hope

3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion / Declared the grave has no claim on me

Chorus (Repeat)

Song of Preparation - "Holy Spirit, Living Breath"

The song of preparation helps center our hearts and minds on God's Word, reminding us to receive his truth with humility and faith, so that we may respond in obedience and worship.

1

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, / Breathe new life into my willing soul. Let the presence of the risen Lord, / Come renew my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come alive in me; / Give me faith for what I cannot see, Give me passion for Your purity; / Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

2

Holy Spirit, come abide within, / May Your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover every sin, / In each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least, / Gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my strivings into works of grace; / Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

3

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, / Giving life to all that God has made, Show Your power once again on earth, / Cause Your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; / Lead us on the road of sacrifice, That in unity the face of Christ / May be clear for all the world to see.

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Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:8-21

8 For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. 13 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Sermon: Walk Wisely

Ephesians 5:15-18

Just as you can't walk safely in total darkness, so you can't live wisely without the light of Christ—that is, experiencing his glory (2 Cor. 4:6). As Christians, we have received Christ's light and so we can walk in wisdom. But what does that look like practically? This passage shows us four key aspects of wise living.

I. Wise living means watching your steps. - 5:15

The word "carefully" refers to our *walk*—that is, the sequence of decisions that form the trajectory of our lives. Because Christ shines on them, wise Christians are serious and precise about how they live their lives.

II. Wise living means redeeming the moments. - 5:16

"Time" does not refer to minutes and seconds as commodities to be invested or wasted; rather, it means strategic opportunities to be used. In a dark world in which there are a diminishing number of opportunities, wise Christians seize every opportunity to shine the light.

III. Wise living means knowing Jesus' will. - 5:17

The "will of the Lord" is simply what the King (the Lord Jesus) wants his people to do. Understanding what Jesus wants us to do means not only that we know *what* he wants, but also that we grasp and appreciate *why* he wants it.

IV. Wise living means being controlled by God's Spirit. - 5:18

You cannot be controlled by the Spirit and by alcohol or other mind-altering substances at the same time. Wise Christians yield to the Spirit, whose control is seen in our actions: encouraging each other musically (19), thanking God (20), and submitting to one another (21).

Song of Response - "May the Mind of Christ"

1

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by His love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

2

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.

3

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

4

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea; Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

5

5 May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

6

May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win, and may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

Benediction

The benediction declares the reality of God's favor and presence with us as we prepare to leave.

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Questions for Discussion and Application

For Kids

- 1. Why do you think the Bible tells us to be careful about how we live? Can you think of a time when being careful helped you?
- 2. How can you tell if a decision is wise or not? What should you do if you're not sure?
- 3. What are some "opportunities" God gives you each day to do something good or to share his love?
- 4. Why is it important to know what Jesus wants us to do? How can we learn more about his will?
- 5. What does it mean to be controlled by God's Spirit? How can we tell if we are letting him guide us?

For Adults

- 1. What does it mean to "live carefully" as a Christian? In what ways can you live more precisely and diligently?
- 2. What does Christ's shining on us (Ephesians 5:14) have to do with our walking wisely? How does this motivate and enable us to live wisely?
- 3. What are some specific opportunities God has placed in your life right now that you need to redeem? How can you use them wisely?
- 4. Does your daily schedule reflect a commitment to making the most of your time for God's purposes? What improvements can you make?
- 5. The passage contrasts being controlled by alcohol with being controlled by the Spirit. Have you let alcohol control you? Are there other things in your life that are dulling your spiritual sensitivity?
- 6. How does your worship—through singing, thankfulness, and submission—reveal whether you are being led by the Spirit?
- 7. If someone looked at your life, would they describe you as a person who walks wisely? What would you want to change so that your life better reflects Christ's light?

Upcoming Events	Gathering Times
3/9 CORE Classes Begin / Daylight Savings Time	Sunday Prayer Meeting 8:00 AM
3/15 Youth Activity 3/19 Women's Book Study (Kim) 3/20 Senior Saints Bible Study	CORE Classes
3/21 Women's Bible Study (Christa) 3/21-22 Men's Retreat 3/26 Matt Marshall Ministry Presentation 4/2 Women's Book Study (Kim) 4/3 Senior Saints Bible Study	Wednesday GriefShare
 4/4 Women's Book Study (Christa) 4/5 Sportsmen's Banquet Event For more upcoming events, please visit 	Thursday Freedom That Lasts 7:00 PM
tbcnh.org/event-calendar	CORE Classes
	Beginning March 9th
New? Subscribe to Weekly Updates	
国際機構国	Age Group Room
一般的影響	18-29 219
	308 218
高級技術	408 217
	50S 214
Kids & Teens Sunday Classes	60-65
Preschool - Room 110	66-69
4-5 years - Room 115	70 ⁺ FH
1st-2nd Grade - Room 117 3rd-4th Grade - Room 119	Foundations & Formation
5th-6th Grade - Room 118	Teacher: Jonathan Threlfall
Teens - Teen Room	Room 201

Weekly Giving Update: Weekly Budget: \$21,800 Last Week's Giving: \$35,775.33

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