

## PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me  
O Father, use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You

**Hallelujah! All I have is Christ  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life**

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

FATHER, WE ADORE THEE • ECBC CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

*Gracious God, we worship Thee,  
For salvation full and free.  
Jesus Christ, our only plea,  
Father, we adore Thee.*

*For Thy love so vast and wide,  
Shown to us by Him who died.  
Holy justice satisfied,  
Father, we adore Thee.*

*Now we bow before Thy face,  
Let Thy presence fill this place.  
Oh the wonders of Your grace,  
Father, we adore Thee.*

*Now again our song we raise,  
Sound of deep adoring praise.  
Soon we'll sing through endless days,  
Father, we adore Thee.*

*Jesus Christ, our only plea,  
Father, we adore Thee*

## CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

### ECBC VISION PROCESS

VIDEO AND UPDATE

### THE MORNING SERMON

CONRAD "BUSTER" BROWN, SENIOR PASTOR

## THE PASTORAL PRAYER

### RESPONSE HYMN

ASK YE WHAT GREAT THING I KNOW

As ye what great thing I know  
That delights and stirs me so?  
What the high reward I win?  
Whose the name I glory in?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

This is that great thing I know;  
This delights and stirs me so:  
Faith in Him who dies to save,  
Him, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

## SINGING HELPS US FEEL THE GOSPEL

DAVID MATHIS

You were made to sing. God created music, and designed humans to sing along. Mere naturalistic theories cannot adequately account for this global phenomenon, present among every people group on the planet. The fingerprints of the creator mark the sound of music. And what nature makes plain, God's own word makes even clearer. The Psalms alone issue nearly thirty commands to sing. Another thirty passages include promises that we will sing praise. The Bible celebrates song from the very beginning, as Adam sings for the woman God made for him (Genesis 2:23), through to the very end, as the bride of heaven sings for the groom God gave her — with choruses old (Revelation 15:3) and new (Revelation 5:9; 14:3). Jesus himself — fully God in full humanity — sang on earth (Matthew 26:30; Mark 14:26), and he sings even now among the happy congregation of heaven (Romans 15:9; Hebrews 2:12). One day soon his Church will be fully gathered with him, and she will enjoy endless music with him.

Something mystical and seemingly supernatural works in us when we sing. Music cultivates the happiness and wholeness of the human soul. Singing stirs and engages the heart, celebrating our greatest joys and consoling us in our deepest sorrows.

Ask songwriter and beloved worship-leader Bob Kauflin about the place of song in the church's corporate worship, and he'll direct you to two times the apostle Paul explicitly mentions singing. Ephesians 5:19 speaks of our "addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart." Colossians 3:16 instructs us, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." "Colossians 3:16-17 comes in the context of Paul describing what it looks like to live a gospel-fueled life as a community in the midst of a pagan society," says Kauflin. That picture is increasingly relevant in our day. "Right in the middle of it, he talks about singing. It's similar to Ephesians 5 where he goes right from singing to household relationships. Why does he do that? Why is singing so important?"

Kauflin's answer is penetrating, and it is instructive for why God would have music and song occupy such a prominent place not only in worship, but in all of life. "There's something about singing that both enables and encourages the rich indwelling of the word of Christ in our hearts. The 'word of Christ' is the gospel. It's who Jesus is, what he's done, and why it matters. That gospel is to dwell in us richly through singing. Singing is what helps us do that and express that." Paraphrasing musicologist Harold Best, Kauflin says, "God has taken the most precise way of communicating truth, which is words, and combined it with the vaguest way of communicating truth, which is music — and he's put them together to make singing. The purpose is that what we know with our minds gets connected in our hearts." God designed singing "to help us feel the truth. More specifically, it's meant to help us feel the gospel."

How, then, does singing help us feel the gospel? One way, among many, is "singing helps us meditate and reflect on the words we're singing by drawing them out. We slow it down, we repeat it" — and in doing so, the weight and significance has longer to ring in our souls and penetrate to our depths. This slowing down and repeating sets song apart as markedly different than mere speech. "If we spoke like that, it would be odd. People would wonder what your problem is. But when we sing, it makes perfect sense. It allows time for those truths to seep down into our souls and impact us and affect us and change not only our emotional state but the choices we make, the things we do, because we do the things we love. "God gave us singing to affect the things we love, to remind us of the things that are most important about what Jesus Christ has done to save us, to redeem us — those things are most important in life. We want to be amazed by those truths."

Singing serves our true happiness and wholeness as humans, but that doesn't mean we all incline toward music with the same intensity, or have the same skill in song. "Music cultivates the happiness and wholeness of the human soul. Singing stirs and engages the heart." Some of us simply don't like to sing; others, as the expression goes, couldn't carry a tune in a bucket. Yet that shouldn't keep any human — and especially any Christian — from the power and pleasure of music and song. "The question isn't, 'Has God given you a voice?' but, 'Has God given you a song?' I've worked with guys who are tone deaf, literally tone deaf . . . I would rather have them sing and express what God has done in their lives, in their hearts, than just remain silent. "God has given you a song. You just need to find out the ways you can sing it, and use every opportunity you can to sing it — because God means for song not only to express what's in your heart, but to encourage what's in your heart, or what should be in your heart."

What should we do in corporate worship when we don't feel like singing? Kauflin has a hopeful remedy. "Confess your weakness, confess your inability, ask God to reveal his glory to you in Jesus Christ, and start singing the truths of God's word. Most likely, it won't be too long before your perspective changes, and you're not thinking about whether you feel like singing anymore. You'll be thinking about how worthy Jesus is to receive the praises of his people."



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WORSHIPGUIDE



# EAST COOPER BAPTIST CHURCH

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Please use the following prayer to prepare your hearts for worship:

### AS WE ARE CALLED INTO WORSHIP TODAY,

it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him.

Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see King Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth.

People of God, behold and see your God!

We open our eyes to see his glory.

We open our ears to hear his wisdom.

We open our hands to offer him gifts.

We open our mouths to sing his praise.

We open our hearts to offer him our love.

Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee!

Amen.

Today we join our hearts and voices in joyful praise as we give thanks for the marvelous grace of our Lord through His Word that makes us...

*"a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."*

## REFLECTION

### THOUGHTS FOR WORSHIP PREPARATION

Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair.

- G.K. Chesterton

The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

- Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. One

Christ offers you what you cannot earn and what the physical creation can never offer: the all-surpassing glory of knowing Him. This is the world's best prize.

This is the universe's best meal. This is the only thing that will give life meaning and fill you with lasting joy.

- Paul David Tripp

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

-- Psalm 9:1-2

Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation, The God of pow'r, the God of love, The God of our salvation; With healing balm my soul He fills, And ev'ry faithless murmur stills: To God all praise and glory!

-- Johann Shutz (1675)

### ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

In the year 1225, completely blind and nearing death, St. Francis of Assisi arrived at the Convent of St. Damian to bid goodbye to his dear friend, Sister Clara, the first woman to follow the call of St. Francis and take vows of the Order.

Clara built him a small reed hut in the garden of her little monastery.

It's said that at times St. Francis could be heard singing faint melodies from within the hut.

It was at a meal with the sisters after having stayed for some time at the monastery that he wrote his famous text, "Canticle of the Sun," later paraphrased into the beloved hymn we sing today.

As we sing this hymn, we join with Christians throughout the ages and with all of Creation to sing our praises to God the Creator.

Psalm 145 says, "My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever."

This is our call and our invitation, and now, using the words God has given us through the voice of a Saint, we answer that invitation with a joyful "Alleluia!"

### PRELUDE PRAISE ELENA CRUDGE

### CALL TO WORSHIP MIGHTY TO SAVE • EAST COOPER ORCHESTRA

*Everyone needs compassion  
A love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations*

*Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is Mighty to save  
He is Mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave*

*So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
And fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
And now I surrender*

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MIGHTY TO SAVE

Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is Mighty to save  
He is Mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave!

### MORNING WELCOME AND MORNING PRAYER

### ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. All crea- tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us  
2. Thou rush- ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n a -  
3. And all ye men of ten- der heart, For - giv - ing oth- ers, take your  
4. Let all things their Cre- at - or bless, And wor- ship Him in hum-ble-  
5. Praise God, from whom all bless- ings flow; Praise Him, all crea- tures here be -

Unison

sing Al- le - lu - ia! Al- le - lu - ia! Thou burn- ing sun with gold- en  
long, O praise Him! Al- le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re-  
part, O sing ye! Al- le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor- row  
ness, O praise Him! Al- le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa- ther, praise the  
low; O praise Him! Al- le - lu - ia! Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly

beam, Thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam!  
joice, Ye lights of eve- ning, find a voice!  
bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care! O praise Him, O  
Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One!  
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

praise Him! Al- le - lu - ia! Al- le - lu - ia! Al- le - lu - ia!

### PRAISE MY SOUL

Have you ever witnessed a person at church yawning and rubbing their eyes while the music plays? Maybe you've noticed someone singing with little emotion, a distant look in their eyes. Maybe you've even struggled your- self-feeling the pressures of the day tug at your mind while you're trying to focus on God.

Truth is, we've all been guilty of half-hearted wor- ship many times. Future plans, unex- pected problems, weary bodies-all can distract us from worship. And with so many things diverting our attention, it's difficult to offer sincere worship to God.

Our morning hymn of praise, which echoes the words of Psalm 103, calls us to something greater than this distracted and half-hearted wor- ship. We're called to praise God with all we have-right down to our soul. Yet how can we really do that? How can we get rid of all the distractions and praise God with all our heart?

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" re- sponds to the ques- tion by example. The hymn's beautiful words take our eyes off the world and di- rect them exclusivel- y on God-the One who has "ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven," who is "slow to chide, and swift to bless," and who "gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes."

Next time you want to offer sincere wor- ship, take a moment to reflect on the words of this hymn. Set your heart on God's amazing grace and provision. Think about all the ways he's personally touched your life. As you do, you'll find worldly worries replaced with something infinitely better- a soul-deep desire to offer God praise.

### PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN LAUDA ANIMA

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav- en, to his feet your trib- ute bring;  
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;  
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4. Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;

ran- somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;  
but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

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### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH JOHN 3:16-17; ROMANS 3:23; ROMANS 5:8; ISAIAH 53:6; I JOHN 4:10

LEADER: Let us proclaim the Gospel together:

CONGREGATION: For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the World to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. We all like sheep have gone astray; Each of us has turned to His own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST SOVEREIGN GRACE MUSIC

I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life