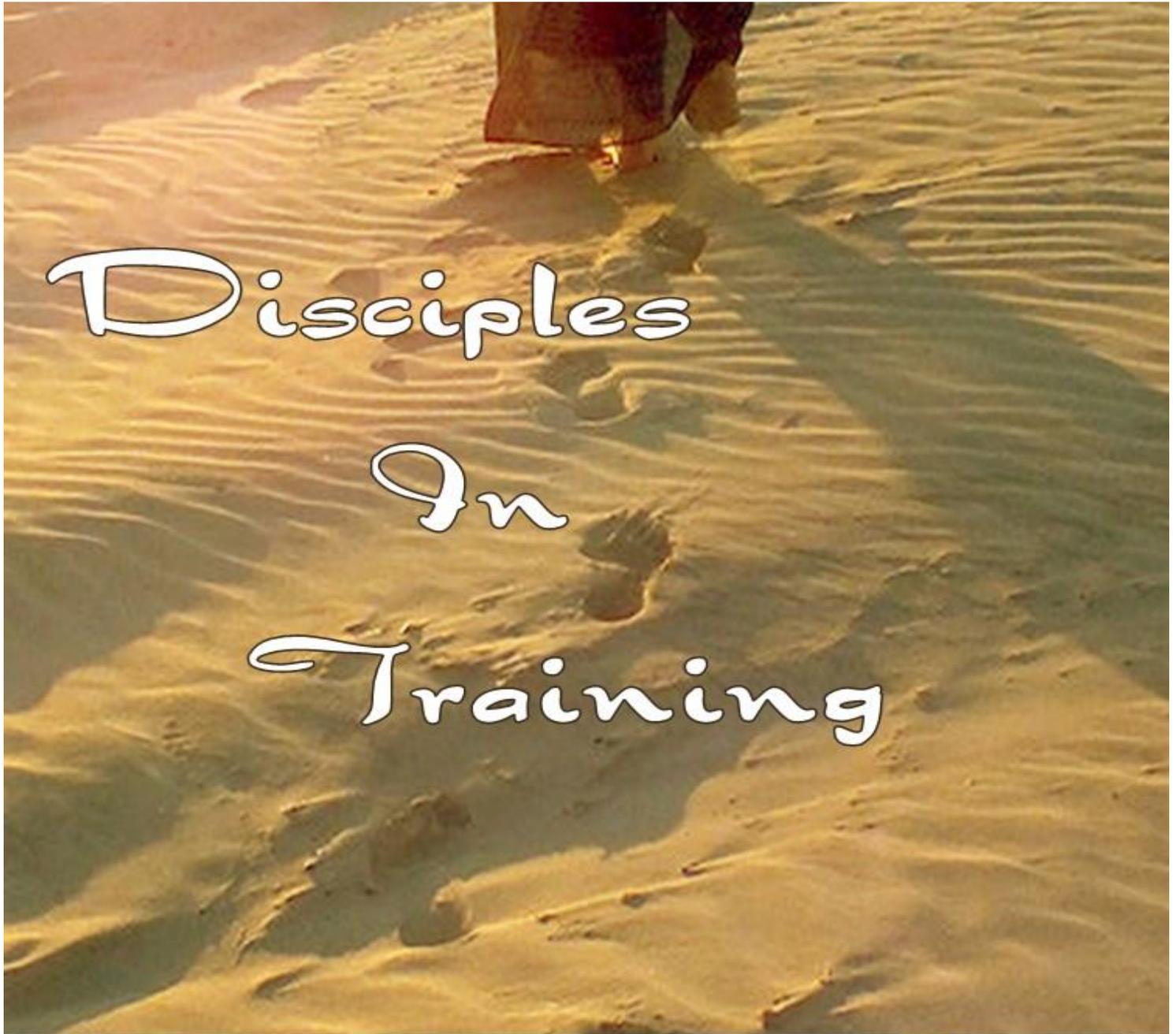


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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. A special welcome is extended to those visiting with us. It is so hard for us to keep from judging others. We want the evil in the world to be gone. We as Christians also do evil things. However, we know that we have been forgiven and are counted righteous because of Jesus. God's blessings on your worship this morning!

AS YOU PREPARE TO WORSHIP

- Please sign an attendance card. Pass to the center of the isle (will be collected after offering).
- Please silence your cell phone.
- Children are welcomed in worship! There are busy bags available in the narthex with coloring pages and books. There will be a Children's Time during worship for your child(ren) to go up front with the pastor. If your child becomes fussy, you may prefer to use the nursery room (toys are available in the room and there is audio and video of the service).

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Keith Reich	Organist: Bonnye Wenzel	Usher Captain: Charles Jahns
Elders: Robert Reich & Robert Witzsche	Acolytes: Haley Hopper & Emma Johnson	
Offering Counter: Susie Odom	Greeters: Sherri Tomlinson & Brooke Tomlinson	Trustee: Klayton Kensing

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HYMN — "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" # 901

**Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before Thee; come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; let it be Thy temple now!**

**Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken; let me keep Thy gift divine,
How so-e'er temptations thicken; may Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee while Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.**

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION — page 184

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I assure you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

P: Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

C: listen to my plea for grace.

P: Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;

C: unite my heart to fear your name.

P: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

C: and I will glorify your name forever.

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P: For great is your steadfast love toward me;
C: you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

P: O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,
C: and they do not set you before them.

P: But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
C: listen to my plea for grace.

GLORIA PATRI, KYRIE and GLORIA IN EXCELSIS— pages 186-189

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace, good-will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY — page 189

P: The Lord be with you.
C: (sung) And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray... O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that,

ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING — *Isaiah 44:6-8*

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any." (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING — *Romans 8:18-27*

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA — page 190

Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: (sung) ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear. (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of Lord.

C: (sung) ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

PROFESSION OF FAITH — Nicene Creed (*inside back cover of hymnal*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of

the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in the holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN — “Crown Him With Many Crowns” # 525

**Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife, For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.**

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MESSAGE – *Disciples in Training: Who Are You Judging?* – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

“As a result of what you have heard from God’s Word today, what is He giving you to believe or do this coming week? _____

OFFERTORY— page 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS — (Give online at www.stjohnhamilton.org or text amount to 833-706-7586.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT — page 194

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (*sung*) And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: (*sung*) We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God

C: (*sung*) It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS — page 195

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.

C: (sung) For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI – THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sung) A - men.

AGNUS DEI

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us Thy peace. A - men.**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that as our Lord says, He gives to us not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

(The wine is available in individual cups or the common cup. If you would like the common cup, keep your hands folded in front of you when the pastor goes by with the individual cups and he will return to you with the common cup. There is also available in the center of each tray white grape juice for those unable to receive wine.)

DISTRIBUTION — “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” # 702

**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.**

**Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!**

(hymn continued on next page)

**May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

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“Amazing Grace” # 744

**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!**

**The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.**

**Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail in heaven's joy and peace.**

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

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“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” # 686

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; may I still Thy goodness prove.**

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.

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NUNC DIMITTIS — page 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
According to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
Which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,
A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING and BENEDICTION— pages 200-202

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: (*sung*) and His mercy endureth forever.

P: We pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (*sung*) A - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (*sung*) and with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: (*sung*) Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

C: (*sung*) Amen, amen, a - men.

HYMN — “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” # 924

**Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration for Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when Your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way.
Let not fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.**

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