

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 15, 2024 (9:00 a.m.)

**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

**Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission
(Go, Make Disciples...)**

+ + + RECONNECTING WITH GOD + + +

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Stand in Your Love"

When darkness tries to roll over my bones,
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own,
When brokenness and pain is all I know,
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

(Chorus)

My fear doesn't stand a chance When I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance When I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance When I stand in Your love.

Shame no longer has a place to hide;
I am not a captive to the lies.
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind.
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

Chorus

There's power that can break off ev'ry chain.
There's power that can empty out a grave.
There's resurrection power than can save.
There's power in Your name, Power in Your name.

Chorus x 2

Standing in Your love. Standing in Your love. Standing in Your love.

Stand in Your Love

Words and music by Josh Baldwin, Ethan Hulse, Rita Springer and Mark Harris

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WELCOME

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

OPENING SONG "Our God"

Water You turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind;
no one like You, None like You.

(Verse 2)

Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise;
There's no one like You, None like You.

(Chorus)

Our God is greater, Our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, Awesome in power, our God,
Our God.

Verse 2

Chorus

(Bridge)

And if our God is for us Then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us Then what could stand against?
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And if our God is with us Then what could stand against?
What could stand against?

Chorus

Bridge

Chorus

Our God

Words and music by Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin, Chris Tomlin and Jesse Reeves

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Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love you and rightly honor your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

People: Gracious God, have mercy on me. In your compassion forgive my sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold me by your Holy Spirit so that I may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: In Jesus our gracious God has had mercy on you and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 116:1,2,5,7.8-9

Pastor: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. ...

People: I will call on him as long as I live. ...

Pastor: The LORD is gracious and righteous;

People: Our God is full of compassion.

Pastor: Return to your rest, my soul,

People: For the LORD has been good to you.

Pastor: For you, LORD, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,

People: That I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

WE SING "Who Am I"

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth

Would care to know my name, Would care to feel my hurt?

Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star

Would choose to light the way For my ever wand'ring heart?

(Pre-Chorus)

Not because of who I am, But because of what You've done.
Not because of what I've done, But because of who You are.

(Chorus)

I am a flower quickly fading, Here today and gone tomorrow;
A wave tossed in the ocean, A vapor in the wind.
Still You hear me when I'm calling. Lord, You catch me when I'm falling.
And You've told me who I am: I am Yours, I am Yours.

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love And watch me rise again?
Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain And calm the storm in me?

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

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+ + + TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD + + +

GOD SPEAKS AND WE LISTEN:

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. ⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. ⁶I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON James 3:1-12

^{3:1}Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ²We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. ³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, ⁸but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:20-27

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

They brought [Jesus a boy possessed by an evil spirit]. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. ²¹Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²²"It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." ²³"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes". ²⁴Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me in my unbelief!" ²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WE SING "The Jesus Way"

If you curse me, Then I will bless you.
If you hurt me, I will forgive.
And if you hate me, Then I will love you.
I choose the Jesus way.

If you're helpless, I will defend you.
And if you're burdened, I'll share the weight.
And if you're hopeless, Then let me show you
There's hope in the Jesus way.

(Chorus)

I follow Jesus, I follow Jesus.
He wore my sin, I'll Gladly wear His name.
He is the treasure, He is the answer.
Oh, I choose the Jesus way.

If you strike me, I will embrace you.
And if you chain me, I'll sing His praise.
And if you kill me, My home is heaven;
For I choose the Jesus way.

Chorus

And I choose surrender. I choose to love.
Oh, God, my Savior, You'll always be enough.
I choose forgiveness. I choose grace.
I choose to worship, No matter what I face.

I choose the Jesus way. *(Repeat 3x)*

Chorus x2

Oh, I choose the Jesus way.

The Jesus Way Words and music by Phil Wickham and Jonathan Smith CCLI Song #7217888

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

+ + + WE OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYER + + +

PRAYERS concluding with

Pastor: Lord in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING (Please place your offering in offering plates located on pedestals at the back of the church.)

OFFERING SONG "First Things First"

All the things that I have held dear,
The vanities that whispered in my ear,
What would I do if they all disappeared?
Riches and fame and all that they could buy,
I've come to find they never satisfy.
What would I gain if my soul's the price?

(Pre-Chorus)

I don't want to love what the world loves.
I don't want to chase what the world does.
I only want You, I only want You.

(Chorus)

First things first, I seek Your will,
Not my own, Surrender all my wants to You.
Keep the first thing first.
To live Your truth, Walk Your ways,
Set my eyes, Lord, I fix my face on You.
All my desires reversed, To keep the first thing first.

I give it all my life, an offering.
My heart is Yours, so have Your way in me.
Your kingdom's all I want to seek.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

To keep the first thing first, All my desires reversed.
To keep the first thing first, Oh,
To keep the first thing first. Oh.

Chorus

Oh, To keep the first thing first,
Oh, To keep the first thing first.
All my desires reversed,
To keep the first thing first.

First Things First Words and music by Caleb Ward, Grant Bias, Jake Hess and Jordan David Ward
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+ + + COMMUNING WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER + + +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift your hearts and hands in praise

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: It is truly good, right and beneficial ... evermore praising you and singing:

People Sing: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth, adored: Heaven and earth with full
acclaim shout the glory of your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing
hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*

Pastor: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .

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

People: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION SONG "Overwhelmed"

I see the work of Your hands. Galaxies spin in a heavenly dance, oh God.
All that You are Is so overwhelming.

And I hear the sound of Your voice. All at once it's a gentle and thundering
noise, oh God.
All that You are Is so overwhelming.

I delight myself in You, Captivated by Your beauty.
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You.
And God, I run into Your arms Unashamed because of mercy.
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You.

I know the pow'r of Your cross. Forgiven and free, forever You'll be my God.
All that You've done is so overwhelming.

(Chorus)

I delight myself in You, In the glory of Your presence.
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You.
And God, I run into Your arms Unashamed because of mercy.
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You.

You are beautiful, You are beautiful.
Oh God, there is no one more beautiful.
You are beautiful; God, You are the most beautiful.

You are wonderful, You are wonderful.
Oh God, there is no one more wonderful.
You are wonderful; God, You are the most wonderful.

You are glorious, You are glorious.
Oh God, there is no one more glorious.
You are glorious; God, You are the most glorious.

Chorus

I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You.

Overwhelmed Words and music by Mike Weaver and Phil Wickham ©2011 CCLI Song #6219031

"The God Who Stays"

If I were You, I would've given up on me by now.
I would've labeled me a lost cause, 'Cause I feel just like a lost cause.
If I were You, I would've turned around and walked away.
I would've labeled me beyond repair, 'Cause I feel like I'm beyond repair.

But somehow You don't see me like I do.
Somehow You're still here.

(Chorus)

You're the God who stays. You're the God who stays.
You're the one who runs in my direction When the whole world walks away.
You're the God who stands With wide open arms,
And You tell me nothing I have ever done Could separate my heart
From the God who stays.

I used to hide Ev'ry time I thought I let You down.
Always thought I had to earn my way,
But I'm learning You don't work that way.

Cause somehow You don't see me like I do.
Somehow You're still here.

Chorus

My shame can't separate, My guilt can't separate,
My past can't separate. I'm Yours forever.
My sin can't separate, My scars can't separate,
My failures can't separate. I'm Yours forever.
No enemy can separate, No pow'r of hell can take away.
Your love for me will never change. I'm Yours forever.

Chorus x 2

The God Who Stays Words and music by Matthew West, Jonathan Smith and AJ Pruis
CCLI Song #7135144

POST-DISTRIBUTION PRAYER

+ + + WE GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING + + +

BLESSING

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen

CLOSING SONG "Thrive"

Oh. Oh.

Here in this worn and weary land Where many a dream has died,
Like a tree planted by the water, We never will run dry.

(Pre-Chorus)

So, living water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of You.

Fill our hearts, and flood our souls With one desire:

(Chorus)

Just to know You, and to make You known. We lift Your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.

We know we were made for so much more Than ordinary lives.

It's time for us to more than just survive: We were made to thrive.

Oh. Oh.

Into Your Word we're digging deep To know our Father's heart.

Into the world we're reaching out To show them who You are.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable,
Love unstoppable, anything is possible. *(Repeat 3x)*

Chorus

Oh. Oh. Oh. Oh.
We were made to thrive.

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POST-SERVICE