

# The Journey October 6, 2024 9am

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#### **GATHERING SONG**

## Because Of You







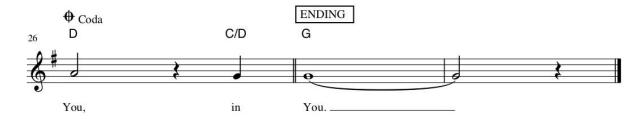
# **OPENING SONG**

# My Life Is In You

Words and Music by Daniel Gardner



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#### OPENING PRAYER

## FIRST READING: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;

today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father,

and he will be my Son"?

<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

<sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,

and his servants flames of fire."

<sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,

and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands;
they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;
like a cloak you will roll them up,
and like clothing they will be changed.
But you are the same,
and your years will never end."

#### **GOSPEL SONG**

## I Love You Lord



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#### **GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:2-16**

A reading from Mark.

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

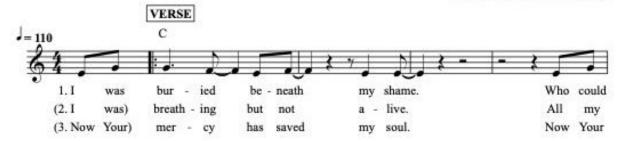
#### **MESSAGE**

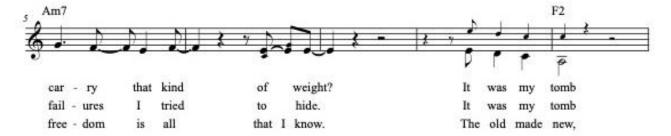
# **MESSAGE SONG**

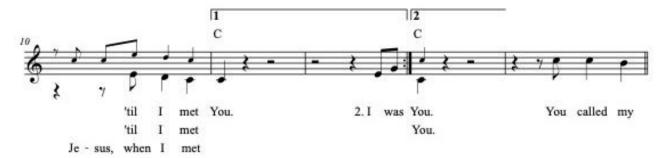
#### Glorious Day

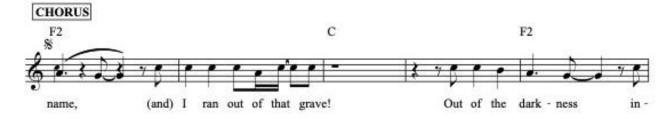
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# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice.

Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all.

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion.

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering. We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers, those most dear to us whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause)...Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience.

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Amen.

#### **OFFERING**

Let us give thanks to God for our many blessings as we offer our monetary gifts for the mission and ministry of this community of faith. For those who are online, you can offer your financial support for our mission and ministries by going to our website livinglordfl.org and clicking on the give button at the top of the home page.

OFFERING MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

Irish folk melody/Hayes

#### **APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE MEAL

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**



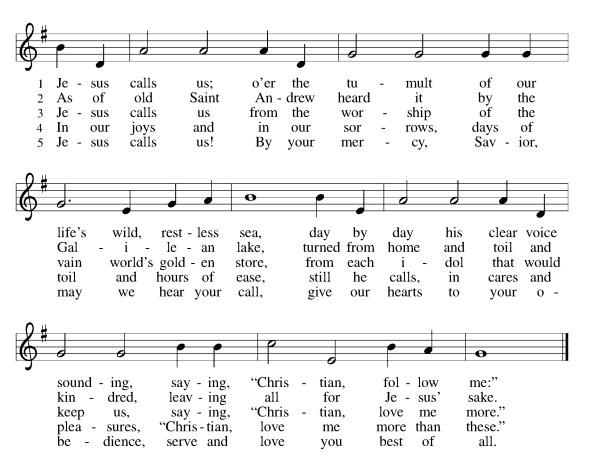
#### **MEAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Holy Communion here is just this simple: All are welcome because this is the Lord's table. It is Jesus who invites us to share in this meal. So, it doesn't matter who you are or how you are but that you simply come because God's gifts are... **C** Free

#### **MEAL HYMN 1**

VS. 1, 3, 5 **ELW 696** 

## Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

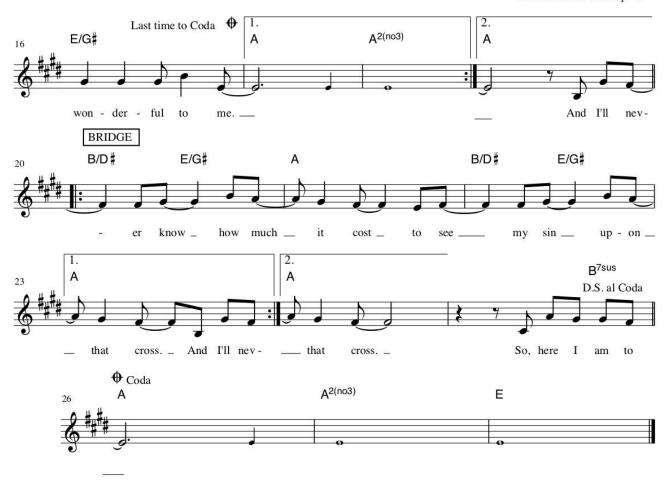
## **MEAL SONG 2**

# Here I Am To Worship

Words and Music by Tim Hughes



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## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forevermore.

# C Amen

#### **SENDING SONG**

# **Great Things**

(based on the recording by Phil Wickham) (original key - B)

> Words and Music by Phil Wickham and Jonas Myrin

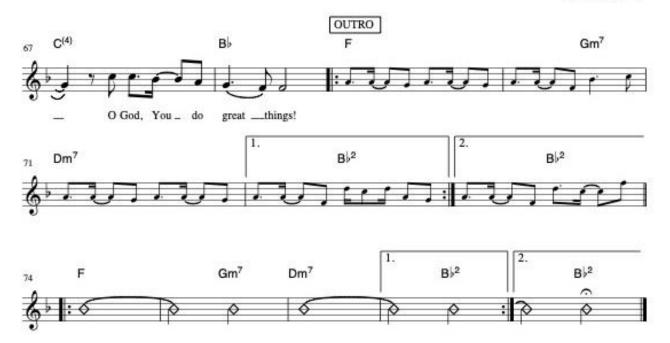


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**The Altar Flowers** are given by Jimmy and Sue Copeland in honor of Sami's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**The Eternal Candle for the month of October** is given by Denny and Lisa Pyeatt.

The Altar Guild Karen Hansing and Kathy Murgatroyd

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** All who have faith in the words, "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin" is really worthy and well prepared to receive this sacrament. Communion is by individual cup (wine or white grape juice and gluten free wafers are available). Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

The **Sunday bulletin** focuses on the what, when, and where of announcements and ministry opportunities for the upcoming week. Detailed information is available on our **Facebook** page, in the **Link**, which is published weekly, and in the **Voice**, our monthly newsletter, and on our **website** – <a href="www.livinglordfl.org">www.livinglordfl.org</a>. Extra copies of the **VOICE** are available in the Narthex in the mail bins on the south wall.

**Financial Support** Thank you for your continued support for our ministry and mission. Offerings can be mailed to the church or online giving with banking or credit card payments at <a href="www.livinglordfl.org">www.livinglordfl.org</a> (Give Tab).

**Attendance Pads** Please fill out the attendance register and pass it down the aisle and let us know you were here. Add your name and if you are communing place a "C" in the member or visitor column. Otherwise, simply place a checkmark  $(\sqrt)$  in that column. This is a change to satisfy our constitutional requirement to maintain a record of those who have communed. Thank you for helping us with this detail.

## **Covid-19 Guidelines Update:**

The Worship Team's current guidelines include:

- The wearing of masks is optional. Each individual should choose what is right for them.
- The use of the common cup during communion distribution is suspended until further notice.

Fully participate in the mission and ministries here at Living Lord by helping: Live Stream, Sound system, Celebration of Life, Life Group Coordinator. Contact the office if interested.

**SCRIP** after each service. An ongoing fundraiser designated towards Building Improvement. Purchase gift cards at the table. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week.

**LUNCH BUNCH** October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Skillets at 9722 SR 64 East. This is open to everyone who loves to eat and have a delightful conversation at the same time. Contact: Patty Kunkel at 941-748-6669 (no texts).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** K thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade thru 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Faith Formation for teens - every Sunday from 10:05 to 10:55. Confirmation class is still being determined.

A NEW SEASON OF FAITH TALKS BEGINS October 14 at 10am. Our Adult Education Forum about weekly news topics, 90 minutes of scripture and facts to enlighten us. Based on <a href="https://www.thewiredword.com">https://www.thewiredword.com</a> curriculum. Fresh topics every week in Activities Hall on <a href="Mondays">Mondays</a>. Come as you are, whenever you can! Questions? Call Ruth McConnell 941-751-8053

<u>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> 10:05-10:50am in the Activities Hall. Bible study of the Old testament and Epistle lessons read in Sunday worship is an opportunity to dig deeper into the message with other adults. Bring your cookie, coffee, questions and insights as we explore with friends the readings' connections to our lives today.

GENERAL OFFERING #4010			
YEAR-TO-DATE	2024 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	
August 31, 2024	August, 31 2024	August 31, 2023	
\$215,613.95	\$257,102.99	\$254,916.00	

<u>Upcoming Family Fun Night</u> will be an Oktoberfest celebration on Oct. 11th. Please note the time has changed to 6:00- 8:00 pm. Brats will be provided so bring your favorite accompaniment to share. Sign up in the narthex and join us for a fun evening! Questions? Contact Pam Lange 404-358-1124.

**LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION** Our next luncheon will be on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Skillet at 9722 SR 64. This is open to all who wish to enjoy lunch with food and friendly conversation. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Any questions, please call Patty Kunkel at 941-748-6669 (no texts).

Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane, ravaging communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation — especially in North Carolina and Tennessee — has become clearer. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away, and millions are without power and cell service. Whatever unfolds because of this storm, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there. Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners, Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region. We anticipate that our greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to "Hurricane Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete. Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Where needed most" or "Hurricane Response" on your check's memo line.

<u>DON'T BE A VICTIM...BE SAFE</u> Come one, come all – Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 10 to 12pm for Active Shooter Seminar with Manatee County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Kaczmarek. The entrance fee is an unopened bag of Halloween candy for the Sheriff's Annual Trunk or Treat. Sign up today.

JAZZ CONCERT It is our pleasure to announce that on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 4PM, "The Orion Trio" will present a Fall Jazz Event. It includes Thomas Pizzi on piano, Rich Mac Donald on drum and Joe Porter on bass. Along with Scotty Wright, vocal, Valerie Gillespie, sax/vocals and John DePaola, trumpet. Mark your calendars now. Invite family and friends and neighbors to be entertained. Donation is \$15.00 per person.

# A New Season Calls YOU for Faith Talks! Let's get together on Mondays at 10:00-11:30 AM beginning October 14, 2024 in Activities Hall

Beginning in October, we will resume thought-provoking discussions from current news and talk about some related Bible readings. All members and friends are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Each week's topic will be different.

What is included in this 90-minute adult forum experience?

- **1. In the News.** Printed lessons will present a quick summary of a news topic and cite the sources for more detail. (Selected by The Wired Word editorial team.)
- 2. The Big Questions. We will be challenged with 3-6 critical questions raised by the topic being discussed. We often expand based on our own ideas and experiences.
- 3. Scripture Confronts the News. From Old and New Testament, we will read 5-6 verses to enlighten today's issue. What does God want us to know? How is the Holy Spirit guiding our responses? Can we connect living today to the message?
- **4. Participation**. Members explore the ideas presented, contribute their own experiences, raise questions, and consider how to apply faith today. We expect diverse opinions, expressed in love and friendship. We encourage self-expression.
- 5. Closing prayer. We address God and focus on ways He has guided us today.

<u>The Wired Word</u> offers us two the topics, based on recent news events. One of these weekly topics will be covered in our 90 minutes together. All printed lesson materials are provided every week at the Monday class to all attending. Unlike previous church courses, there is NO video component for this class. We will read aloud and use our Bibles. We will learn through active thinkers, personal experiences, and conversational insights. (https://www.thewiredword.com)

Abundant life means adapting to changes in society. Be informed with us!

Just 90 minutes on Mondays offers a chance to practice and grow by expressing ourselves in matters of Christian daily life.

We are free to speak our concerns and seek answers, because we trust our relationships among friends!

Sometimes we even change our minds about the subject!

For more information and to join us, contact Ruth McConnell, Facilitator, 941-751-8053.



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