

**January 28, 2024**

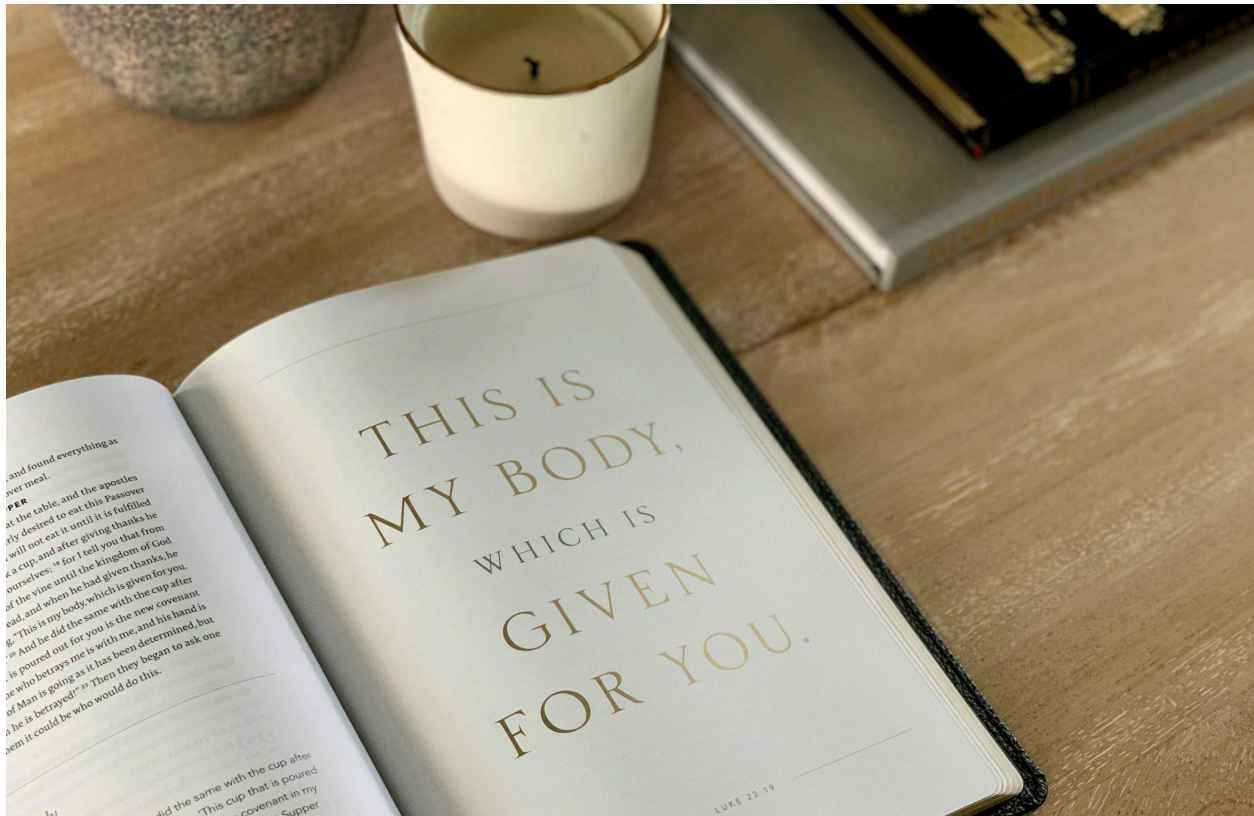


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## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

### ***In The Morning When I Rise***

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In the morning, when I rise, in the morning, when I rise,  
In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus.

**Refrain:** Give me Jesus. give me Jesus,  
you may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Just about the break of day, Just about the break of day,  
Just about the break of day, give me Jesus. **Refrain**

## **Reading Psalm 111**

Praise the Lord! I thank the Lord with all my heart in the company of those who do right, in the congregation. The works of the Lord are magnificent; they are treasured by all who desire them. God's deeds are majestic and glorious. God's righteousness stands forever. God is famous for his wondrous works. The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

God gives food to those who honor him. God remembers his covenant forever. God proclaimed his powerful deeds to his people and gave them what had belonged to other nations. God's handiwork is honesty and justice; all God's rules are trustworthy— they are established always and forever: they are fulfilled with truth and right doing. God sent redemption for his people; God commanded that his covenant last forever. Holy and awesome is God's name! Fear of the Lord is where wisdom begins; sure knowledge is for all who keep God's laws. God's praise lasts forever!

**Bliss Beyond Compare**

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Bliss beyond compare, which in Christ I share!  
He's my only joy and treasure; tasteless is all worldly pleasure,  
When in Christ I share bliss beyond compare.

When the Lord appears, this my spirit cheers;  
When, his love to me revealing, he, the Sun of grace,  
With healing in his beams appears, this my spirit cheers.

Then all grief is drowned; pure delight is found,  
Joy and peace in his salvation, heavenly bliss and consolation.  
Every grief is drowned where such bliss is found.

Jesus is my joy, therefore blessed am I;  
O, his mercy is unbounded, all my hope on him is grounded;  
Jesus is my joy, therefore blessed am I.

**Scripture Reading** Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went into Capernaum. Immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and started teaching. The people were amazed by his teaching, for he was teaching them with authority, not like the legal experts. Suddenly, there in the synagogue, a person with an evil spirit screamed, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God."

"Silence!" Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. "Come out of him!" The unclean spirit shook him and screamed, then it came out.

Everyone was shaken and questioned among themselves, "What's this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands unclean spirits and they obey him!" Right away the news about him spread throughout the entire region of Galilee.

**Message**

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**Refrain:** On Christ the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.  
His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood **Refrain**

When all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay.  
When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found  
Clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne. **Refrain**

## **Blessings & Concerns**

## **Ministry Opportunities**

### **Praise to the Lord The Almighty**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation.  
O my soul praise him for he is thy help and salvation.  
All you who hear, now to his temple draw near.  
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him.  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly for all we adore Him!

## **\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

## **MWCC AGM**

Join us February 4th right after worship for MWCC AGM. Stay for lunch, then stay to hear how MWCC did for the year of 2023.

## **Lent 2024**

Our theme for Lent this year (Feb. 14 - Mar. 30) is "Understanding Holy Week." Our Sunday morning services will focus on each particular day of Holy Week so we all gain a deeper understanding of all that happens between Palm Sunday and Good Friday. This means we'll talk about Palm Sunday on February 18, Maundy Thursday on March 10, and Good Friday on March 17 before we journey through Holy Week together starting on Palm Sunday (March 24). Our hope is that by understanding Holy Week during Lent, our journey through our Holy Week services will be even more meaningful and significant for each of us. **If you have a nagging question about any of the events or parables from Holy Week or want a deeper understanding of something in particular, let Pastor Aaron know.** It'll help customise this Lent for the congregation and you.

We will not have a mid-week study this Lent. The Elders think our discipleship will be deepened by focusing on Sunday morning and Holy Week during Lent and not spreading ourselves thinner by adding a mid-week study.

Holy Week begins on March 24th. We cherish the simplicity of focusing on the biblical narrative during these services. They are incredibly meaningful because of their simplicity. However, if you have ideas for how they can be made more meaningful or engaging please let Pastor Aaron, Katie, or the Elders know.

### **MWCC Food Pantry needs your help!**

Our food pantry has helped several families since the middle of December and we're currently low on or out of: **Pasta sauce, soup, shelf stable fruits and vegetables, cereal, oatmeal, and powdered potatoes.** Our neighbours would greatly appreciate it if you could bring any of these items in for the pantry.

### **WeCan Food Basket**

To place an order please go to [WECAN Food Basket Society](#) to order online. Or, For in-person cash orders, please come to the church on the third Thursday of the month from noon-2:00 (the same as our pick up time).

If you want to help with WeCan please speak with Sonja, Ron, Ken & Sandy G, or Pastor Aaron.

### **Worship Volunteer Information**

#### **Today's Service**

**Sound:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Media:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Greeter/Usher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reader:** Bob

**Coffee** \_\_\_\_\_

**Music** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Next Sunday February 4, 2024**

**Sound** \_\_\_\_\_

**Media** \_\_\_\_\_

**Greeter/Usher** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reader** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coffee** \_\_\_\_\_

**Music** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please phone us to make an in office appointment**