

May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday – Teen Challenge

Welcome – Karen

Announcements - Karen

(Stand) Passing the Peace - Karen

(Seated) Responsive Call to Worship - Janeen

Leader: The light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light.

People: God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them unto the Lord.

(Stand) I Will Boast – 4662350

Verse

Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom
Or the strong man boast in his strength
Let not the rich man boast in his riches
But let the humble come and give thanks
To the One Who made us
The One Who saved us

Chorus

I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the One Who's worthy
I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the One Who's worthy
(He's worthy)

Bridge

I will make my boast in Christ alone (6X)

Ending

He's worthy He's worthy

Paul Baloche

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(Stand) Opening Prayer George

Together, let us pray

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of unity among Your followers. We ask that we may glorify Your Son, that He may glorify You. May we be one in spirit and in deed, reflecting Your love and grace to one another. Amen.

(Stand) Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me – 7121852

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer

There is no more for heaven now to give

He is my joy my righteousness and freedom

My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus

For my life is wholly bound to his

Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat

Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson

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Music

(Seated) John 17: 1-11 – Karen

John 17:1-11

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

(Seated) Testimony

(Children Dismissed to Sunday School) - George

(Seated) Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings - George

(Seated) Offertory Prayer of Dedication - George

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

(Seated) 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Suffering as a Christian

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

13 But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.

7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

8 Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

11 To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

(Seated) Testimony

(Seated) Prayer of the People - Das

(Stand) Higher Ground - 21844

Verse 1

I'm pressing on the upward way
New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day
Still praying as I'm onward bound
Lord plant my feet on higher ground

Chorus

Lord lift me up and let me stand
By faith on heaven's tableland
A higher plane than I have found
Lord plant my feet on higher ground

Verse 2

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay
Tho' some may dwell where these abound
My pray'r my aim is higher ground

Verse 3

I want to live above the world
Tho' Satan's darts at me are hurled
For faith has caught the joyful sound
The song of saints on higher ground

Verse 4

I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright

But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found
Lord lead me on to higher ground

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(Seated) Testimony

(Stand) Grace Alone – 2335524

Verse 1

Ev'ry promise we can make
Ev'ry prayer and step of faith
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make
Is only by His grace
Ev'ry mountain we will climb
Ev'ry ray of hope we shine
Ev'ry blessing left behind
Is only by His grace

Chorus

Grace alone which God supplies
Strength unknown He will provide
Christ in us our Cornerstone
We will go forth in grace alone

Verse 2

Ev'ry soul we long to reach
Ev'ry heart we hope to teach
Ev'rywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace
Ev'ry loving word we say
Ev'ry tear we wipe away
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise

Is only by His grace

Jeff Nelson, Scott Wesley Brown

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(Stand) Benediction - Das