

August 23, 2026 - **Dostoevsky**

Welcome

Announcements

(Stand) Passing the Peace

(Seated) Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who hunger for truth.

People: We come, for our hearts cannot live on bread alone.

Leader: Come, all who have known sorrow and joy.

People: We come, for Christ meets us in both our tears and our laughter.

Leader: Come, all who long for mercy.

People: We come, for God's grace is deeper than our guilt.

Leader: Come, all who seek light in the darkness.

People: We come, for the Light shines, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

(Stand) Hymn/ Song – Message of the Cross – 1043175

Verse 1

This is the message of the cross
That we can be free
To live in the victory
And turn from our sin
My precious Lord Jesus
With sinners You died
For there You revealed Your love
And You laid down Your life

Verse 2

This is the message of the cross
That we can be free
To lay all our burdens here

At the foot of the tree
The cross was the shame of the world
But the glory of God
For Jesus You conquered sin
And You gave us new life

Chorus 1

You set me free
When I came to the cross
Poured out Your blood
For I was broken and lost
There I was healed
And You covered my sin
It's there You saved me
This is the message of the cross

Verse 3

This is the message of the cross
That we can be free
To hunger for heaven Lord
To hunger for Thee
The cross is such foolishness
To the perishing
But to us who are being saved
It is the power of God

Chorus 2

You set us free
When we come to the cross
Pour out Your blood
For we are broken and lost
Here we are healed
And You cover our sin
It's here You save us
This is the message of the cross

Ending

Let us rejoice at the foot of the cross

We can be free glory to God

Thank You Lord thank You Lord

You've set us free glory to God

(REPEAT)

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(Seated) Unison Opening Prayer

Together let us pray:

O Lord of mercy and truth, You see into the depths of our hearts, where light and shadow dwell together. Teach us to love as You love— with compassion for the broken, with hope for the lost, with humility before Your grace. In our weakness, be our strength; in our doubt, be our light; in our joy, be our song.

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

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(Seated) Scripture – 1 Cor.1: 18-25

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

(Stand) Goodness of God – 7117726

Goodness Of God

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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(Children Dismissed to Sunday School)

(Seated) Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings

(Seated) Offertory Prayer of Dedication

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of Your Son, through whom we have received redemption and new life. As we bring these offerings, we remember that they are but a small reflection of the immeasurable love You have poured out for us. Use these gifts to share Your grace, heal the broken, and draw hearts closer to You. May all we give and all we do proclaim the power of Your redeeming love.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

(Seated) Scripture – John 15: 1-5

John 15:1-5

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Jesus the True Vine

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

(Seated) Prayer of the People - Das

(Stand) - Hymn/ Song – Beneath the Cross of Jesus – 255

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus
I gladly take my stand—
the shadow of a mighty Rock
within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.

2 Upon that cross of Jesus
my eye at times can see
the very dying form of One
who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart with tears
two wonders I confess—
the wonders of redeeming love
and my unworthiness.

3 I take, O cross, your shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face,
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.

(Seated) The Scandal of the Cross – Dostoevsky - Das

(Stand) - O The Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus – 398

1 O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love—
leading onward, leading homeward,
to thy glorious rest above!

2 O the deep, deep love of Jesus—
spread his praise from shore to shore!
How he loves us, ever loves us,
changes never, nevermore!
How he watches o'er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he's interceding,
watching o'er them from the throne!

3 O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus—
'tis a heaven of heavens to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee!

Stand) Benediction