

September 20, 2026 – How to Live in Exile – Luke 4: 16-20, Jer. 29: 1, 4-14

Welcome

(Stand) Passing the Peace

Announcements

(Stand) Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus came to the synagogue, as was His custom, and stood to read.

People: We come together, ready to hear the Word of the Lord.

Leader: He read, *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.”*

People: We rejoice in the good news of God’s kingdom!

Leader: *“He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind.”*

People: We celebrate the freedom and healing found in Christ.

Leader: *“To let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

People: Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in our hearing. Let us worship the Lord!

(Stand) - Today (As For Me And My House) – 4157315

Today

Chorus

Today I choose to follow You

Today I choose to give my yes to You

Today I choose to hear Your voice and live

Today I choose to follow You

Verse

As for me and my house

We will serve You

As for me and my house

We will spend our lives on You
(Today)

Bridge
Wonderful Counselor
Everlasting Father
Eternal King Lord of Hosts
Willingly we follow

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(Seated) Unison Opening Prayer

Let us pray together:

Faithful God, You have called us to live and flourish where You have placed us. Teach us to seek the peace and prosperity of our community, to pray for those around us, and to trust Your plans—plans to give us hope and a future. With all our hearts, we seek You; and we hold to Your promise that when we seek You, we will find You. Gather us from every place, restore us by Your grace, and lead us into the fullness of life You have prepared.

Amen.

(Seated) - Praise my Soul the King of Heaven – 82

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to all people in distress.

Praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glorious in his faithfulness!

3 Fatherlike, he tends and spares us;
all our hopes and fears he knows.

In his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Widely as his mercy flows!

4 Angels, help us to adore him,
you behold him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before him;
all who dwell in time and space.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace!

(Seated) Luke 4: 16-20

Luke 4:16-20

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The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes
of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

(Stand) – Way Maker – 7115744

Way Maker

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart

I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag

That is who You are

That is who You are

That is who You are

That is who You are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working

Even when I don't feel it You're working

You never stop You never stop working

You never stop You never stop working

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

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(Children Dismissed to Sunday School) - George

(Seated) Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings - George

(Seated) Offertory Prayer of Dedication – George

"Heavenly Father, as we gather to give, we seek Your guidance and presence. We are reminded of Your promise in Jeremiah 29:14, where You say, 'And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith

the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.' We give with gratitude, knowing that You are our source of hope and restoration. May our offerings reflect Your love and grace, and may we be found in Your presence as we seek to live out Your Word in our lives."

(Seated) –

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-14

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Jeremiah's Letter to the Exiles in Babylon

1 These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem

4 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: **5** Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. **6** Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. **7** But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. **8** For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, **9** for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

10 For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. **11** For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. **12** Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. **13** When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, **14** I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

(Seated) Prayer of the People - George

(Seated) – Great is Thy Faithfulness – 72

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Sermon – Donna Chapman

(Stand) – All the Way My Savior Leads Me – 505

1 All the way my Savior leads me;
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy,
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,

here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well;
for I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

2 All the way my Savior leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread;
though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo! a spring of joy I see;
gushing from the rock before me,
lo! a spring of joy I see.

3 All the way my Savior leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above;
when my spirit, clothed immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
Jesus led me all the way;
this my song through endless ages,
Jesus led me all the way.

(Stand) Benediction – Donna Chapman