




Spirit Worship
Holy Spirit @ Home

October 18, 2020
10:00 A.M.



20th Sunday
after Pentecost

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Holy Communion

A serene sunset over a lake with mountains in the background and trees on the right. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with the sun low on the horizon. The water reflects the colors of the sky. In the foreground, there's a dark wooden post on the left and some trees on the right.

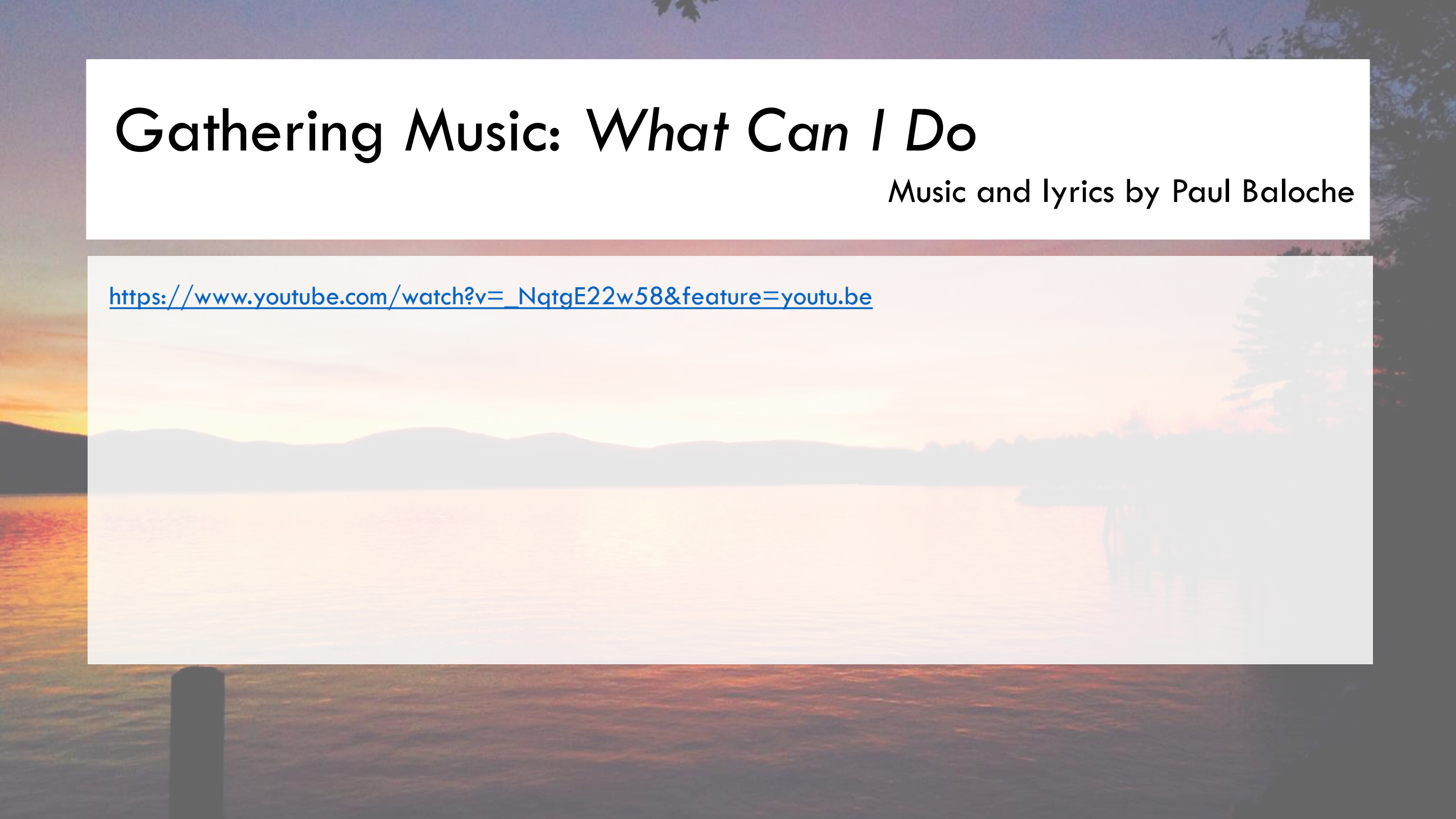
Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us in worship

Gathering Music: *What Can I Do*

Music and lyrics by Paul Baloche

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_NqtgE22w58&feature=youtu.be

A serene sunset over a large body of water, with mountains in the distance and a wooden pier on the right. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, reflecting on the calm water. The mountains are silhouetted against the bright sky. A wooden pier extends into the water on the right side of the frame.

Gathering Music: *Servant Song*

Music and lyrics by Richard Gillard and arrangement by Betty Pulkingham ,
sung by 3Note Virtual Cell Phone Cover

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cMtzpw3bjQ&feature=youtu.be>

Gathering Music: *When in Our Music God is Glorified*

arranged by Dr. Mack Willberg, Choir at Temple Square

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYYOZ7KQP7w&feature=youtu.be>



A serene sunset over a large body of water, likely a lake or wide river. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues, with the sun low on the horizon. In the distance, dark silhouettes of mountains are visible. The water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky. On the right side, there are dark silhouettes of trees, including a prominent evergreen. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Worship will begin shortly

Gathering

Lord, you have welcomed us, saying,
“I am your friend, and I am pleased with you.”

Lord, you have blessed us, saying,
“I will go with you, and give you peace.”

Lord, you have humbled us, saying,
“I will let you see my glory and hear my holy name.”

Lord, show us your glory!
May our hearts be open as we enter into worship.

Gathering Song: *Come All You People*

Musical Leadership: Bob Mueller

**Verse 1: Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.**

**Verse 3: Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come now and worship the Lord.**

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day.
By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness,
give thanks for your gifts,
and serve you in willing obedience for a world in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

A serene sunset over a body of water. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues. The water reflects the colors of the sky. In the distance, there are dark silhouettes of mountains. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of trees and a wooden post.

Word

God speaks to us in Bible readings,
preaching and song

First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

Lindsey Kahler, Reader

Contemporary English Version (CEV)

A reading from Exodus, the 33rd chapter.

Moses said to the Lord, “
I know that you have told me to lead these people
to the land you promised them.
But you have not told me who my assistant will be.
You have said that you are my friend and that you are pleased with me.
If this is true, let me know what your plans are,
then I can obey and continue to please you.
And don’t forget that you have chosen this nation to be your own.”

First Reading *(continued)*

The Lord said, “I will go with you and give you peace.”

Then Moses replied, “If you aren’t going with us,
please don’t make us leave this place.

But if you do go with us,
everyone will know that you are pleased with your people and with me.
That way, we will be different from the rest of the people on earth.”

So the Lord told Moses, “I will do what you have asked,
because I am your friend and I am pleased with you.”

First Reading *(continued)*

Then Moses said, “I pray that you will let me see you in all of your glory.”

The Lord answered:

“All right. I am the Lord, and I show mercy and kindness to anyone I choose. I will let you see my glory and hear my holy name, but I won’t let you see my face, because anyone who sees my face will die.

First Reading *(continued)*

“There is a rock not far from me. Stand beside it, Moses, and before I pass by in all of my shining glory, I will put you in a large crack in the rock. I will cover your eyes with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take my hand away, and you will see my back. But you will not see my face, for no one shall see me (and live to tell about it).”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Beth Fatzinger – Reader

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

A reading from First Thessalonians, the first chapter.

The Apostle writes:

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith
and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Second Reading *(continued)*

For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God,
that he has chosen you,
because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction;
just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

Second Reading *(continued)*

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord,
for in spite of persecution
you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit,
so that you became an example to all the believers
in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you
not only in Macedonia and Achaia,
but in every place your faith in God has become known,
so that we have no need to speak about it.

Second Reading *(continued)*

For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Good News from Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?”

Gospel *(continued)*

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,
“Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?
Show me the coin used for the tax.”

And they brought him a denarius.

Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?”
They answered, “The emperor’s.”

Gospel *(continued)*

Then he said to them,
“Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s,
and to God the things that are God’s.”

When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

This is the Good News! **Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!**



Sermon

Pastor Erika Wesch

Word in Song: *For the Fruit of All Creation*

Musical Leadership: Vi Ballard

**Verse 1: For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**Verse 2: In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

Word in Song *(continued)*

Verse 3: For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

**For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

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Affirmation

Let us profess our faith.

We believe

**that God is present in the darkness before dawn --
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

Affirmation *(continued)*

We trust
in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

We affirm
a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:
into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets.

Affirmation *(continued)*

We commit ourselves
**to work for change and put ourselves on the line:
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and generously,
and, in Jesus' name,
face humiliation in search of justice for all,**

We will
**stand with those on the edge,
choose life, and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Vi Ballard – Assisting Minister

With confidence in God's grace and mercy,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

After each petition:

You are great, O God, our _____: **in mercy, receive our prayers.**

(Redeemer / Creator / Sovereign / Judge / Healer / Comforter / Hope)

Hear us when we call upon you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Respond to God's Gifts

thank you!

During this period of remote church services, we have many ways to support our church's ministries:

1. Give by Text (610-981-1312),
2. Enroll in Simply Giving to donate directly from your bank account or credit card,
3. Mail a check to the church office, (3461 Cedar Crest Blvd., Emmaus, PA 18049)
4. Download our mobile giving app by searching for "Give+" in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Once you have downloaded the app, search on "Lutheran Church of The Holy Spirit". You can immediately donate or choose to set up an account.

Additional information is available on the Stewardship section of the church's website.

A serene sunset over a body of water with a wooden pier in the foreground. The sky is a mix of purple, blue, and orange, with the sun low on the horizon. The water reflects the colors of the sky. A wooden pier is visible in the foreground on the right side.

Musical Offering

In a Servant's Heart

Music and lyrics by Joel Raney

Musical Leadership: Deb Stevens, Terri and Glenn Hinderliter, Doug Helfrich



Meal

In word and meal,
God's grace feeds us

Holy Communion

You may prepare your communion table at home now.

Following the Words of Institution, the Lord's Prayer and Communion Invitation, the presiding minister will say the words first.

While inspirational communion music is played, you may share in communion.

There will be a slide with the words to say during communion.

Word in Meal

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are sovereign.

The universe declares your praise:

**beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.**

Word in Meal *(continued)*

Generations bless your faithfulness:
**through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
**at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.**

A scenic sunset over a lake with mountains in the background and trees on the right. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with the sun low on the horizon. The water reflects the colors of the sky. In the foreground, there is a dark wooden post on the left and a dark silhouette of a tree on the right. A white rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text "Words of Institution".

Words of Institution

Word in Meal *(continued)*

Remembering his love for us on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Word in Meal *(continued)*

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
**in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.**

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

All is ready, and all are welcome.

Amen.



Communion

The presiding minister will say the words first.

*While inspirational communion music is played,
you may share in communion.*

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

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A Blessing, "You are a loved child of God."

Song: Here is Bread

A serene sunset scene over a large body of water. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The water reflects these colors, creating a shimmering effect. In the distance, dark silhouettes of mountains are visible against the bright sky. On the right side, the dark outlines of trees are visible, with some branches extending into the frame. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Sending

God blesses us
and sends us in mission to the world.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face,
and in the gift of Christ's body and blood,
our hearts have been forgiven and refreshed.

Send us now to shine with your goodness
and bear witness to the one we have received:
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

May God bless, guide, strengthen and transform you as a living sacrifice.

Go and live **as God's faithful stewards.**

Go and live **as passionate followers of Jesus Christ.**

Go and serve others **through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Sending Song: *Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*

Musical Leadership: Doreen Micheletti

**Verse 1: Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Verse 2: Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.**

Sending Song *(continued)*

Verse 3: **Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.**

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Dismissal

Rejoice and share God's abundant blessings.

Thanks be to God!

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