

Order of Worship
September 10, 2023 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements and Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 19:7-11

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.

***They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.***

By them is your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #400

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Music from West Virginia – see insert

Jim & Mary Farry, Banjo & Guitar

This World is Not My Home

Good Morning Child

Scripture Reading – 2 Chronicles 17:1-11, Jehoshaphat's Reforms

17 Jehoshaphat, King Asa's son, succeeded him as king and strengthened himself against Israel. ²He stationed troops in all the fortified cities of Judah and put garrisons in Judah and in the towns of Ephraim that his father Asa had captured.

³The LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the ways of his father David before him. He did not consult the Baals ⁴but sought the God of his father and followed his commands rather than the practices of Israel. ⁵The LORD established the kingdom under his control; and all Judah brought gifts to Jehoshaphat, so that he had great wealth and honor. ⁶His heart was devoted to the ways of the LORD; furthermore, he removed the high places and the Asherah poles from Judah.

⁷In the third year of his reign he sent his officials Ben-Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel and Micaiah to teach in the towns of Judah. ⁸With them were certain Levites—Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah and Tob-Adonijah—and the priests Elishama and Jehoram. ⁹They taught throughout Judah, taking with them the Book of the Law of the LORD; they went around to all the towns of Judah and taught the people.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD fell on all the kingdoms of the lands surrounding Judah, so that they did not go to war against Jehoshaphat. ¹¹Some Philistines brought Jehoshaphat gifts and silver as tribute, and the Arabs brought him flocks: seven thousand seven hundred rams and seven thousand seven hundred goats.

Gloria Patri [#70] & Apostles' Creed [#881]

Offering & Doxology [#95]

Gospel Music from West Virginia – see insert

Jim & Mary Farry, Banjo & Guitar

The Dream

Just a Little Talk with Jesus

Scripture Reading – 2 Chronicles 34:1-32, Josiah's Reforms

34 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. ²He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and followed the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left. ³In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David. In his twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of pagan worship practices.

⁸In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign, to purify the land and the temple, he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah and Maaseiah the ruler of the city, with Joah son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the temple of the LORD his God. ¹⁴While they were repairing the temple, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD that had been given through Moses. ¹⁵Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the LORD." He gave it to Shaphan.

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¹⁹ When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes. ²⁰ He gave these orders to Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant: ²¹ "Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the remnant in Israel and Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the LORD's anger that is poured out on us because those who have gone before us have not kept the word of the LORD; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written in this book."

²² Hilkiah and those the king had sent with him went to speak to the prophet Huldah. ²⁶ She said to them, "Tell the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, 'This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says concerning the words you heard: ²⁷ Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before God when you heard what he spoke against this place and its people, and because you humbled yourself before me and tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you, declares the LORD. ²⁸ Now I will gather you to your ancestors, and you will be buried in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster I am going to bring on this place and on those who live here.'"

So they took her answer back to the king. ²⁹ Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. ³⁰ He went up to the temple of the LORD with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the Levites—all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the LORD. ³¹ The king stood by his pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the LORD—to follow the LORD and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, and to obey the words of the covenant written in this book. ³² Then he had everyone in Jerusalem and Benjamin pledge themselves to it; the people of Jerusalem did this in accordance with the covenant of God, the God of their ancestors.



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2 Chronicles 34:14-15

Sermon Pastor Paul

**The Power of Bible Teaching:
Lives are Changed and God's Blessings Flow**

Hymn *Standing on the Promises* #374
Benediction

A Service of Prayer for the Christians of Pakistan
5:00 p.m. Today at Cherry Valley UMC

Annual Group Charge Conference
11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 28 at East Stroudsburg UMC

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Cherry Valley UMC – cherryvalleyumc.info**

Just a Little Talk with Jesus

I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in
And then a little light from heaven filled my soul
It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above
And just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.

Now let us have a little talk with Jesus
Let us tell Him all about our troubles
He will hear our faintest cry
He will answer by and by
Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning
And you know a little fire is burning
You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

Sometimes my path seems drear without a ray of cheer
And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day
The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies
But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way.

I may have doubts and fears my eyes be filled with tears
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night
I go to Him in prayer He knows my every care
And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

This World is Not My Home

This world is not my home I'm just a passin' through
My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue
The angels beckon me from heaven's open door
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

Oh Lord, you know I have no friend like you
If heaven's not my home then Lord what will I do?
The angels beckon me from heaven's open door
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

I have a loving mother up in glory land,
I don't expect to stop until I shake her hand,
She's waiting now for me in heaven's open door
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

Just over in glory land we'll live eternally
The saints on every hand are shouting victory
Their songs of sweetest praise drift back from heaven's shore
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

Oh Lord, you know I have no friend like you
If heaven's not my home then Lord what will I do?
The angels beckon me from heaven's open door
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

Good Morning Child

Well some times I close my eyes and think of heaven
A city where the chill of night won't still the day
And I am sure flowers bloom on each hillside
And I can almost hear the voice of Jesus say:

Well sometimes I close my eyes and think of Jesus
And how He died upon the Cross for you and me
Well I know someday I'll walk with Him in glory
Then I can almost hear the voice of Jesus say:

Chorus

Good Morning Child, welcome to this brand new city.
Make yourself home you're free to roam here on the shore.
It'll be so good to be at home in my new mansion
Extended arms may God reach out and draw you home.

The Dream

One night as I lay on my pillow
While asleep in a dream I did go
To the place where they crucified Jesus
On that Old Rugged Cross, cruel and cold
There the greatest love story was written
Visualize with me if you will
Our Savior on that April morning
As He carried the Cross up the hill.

Chorus

And I saw those nails, those old rusty nails,
And the Crown made of thorns that He wore
So sad was the scene that I cried in my dream
So great was the pain that He bore
They scorned and they mocked, He drank the bitter cup
As He hung there with two common thieves
For He had to fulfill, His Father's own will
And I was right there in a dream.

As I stood there on top of Mount Calvary
In His pain I could hear His sad cry
In my dream, Oh so helpless was I
I thank Him for that day on the mountain
The price that He paid was supreme
In my heart I carry a picture
Of what I saw there in a dream.

Chorus