

» AN INVITATION TO FEAST AND FELLOWSHIP — Isaiah 55

» Come! (vv 1-2)

» The demonstration (vv 3-4)

» The result (v 5)

» The continued appeal (vv 6-7)

» The nature and sovereign acts of Yahweh (vv 8-11)

» The acts of worship and defeat of the curse (vv 12-13)

*Closing – Congregational Singing: “Still, My Soul Be Still”* Grace Hymn 67  
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VERSE 1

Still, my soul be still, and do not fear  
Though winds of change may rage tomorrow.  
God is at your side; no longer dread  
The fires of unexpected sorrow.

CHORUS

God, You are my God,  
And I will trust in You and not be shaken.  
LORD of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me  
To rest in You alone, to rest in You alone.

VERSE 2

Still, my soul be still; do not be moved  
By lesser lights and fleeting shadows.  
Hold onto His ways, with shield of faith  
Against temptation's flaming arrows.

[sing CHORUS]

VERSE 3

Still, my soul be still; do not forsake  
The truth you learned in the beginning.  
Wait upon the LORD, and hope will rise  
As stars appear when day is dimming.

[sing CHORUS]

*Closing Thoughts and Benediction*

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Welcome

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

Call to Worship

Keith Kruizenga

*Congregational Singing: “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

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VERSE 1

Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel,  
Healing every dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
With the very bread of peace.

VERSE 2

Praise the One who blessed the children  
With a strong yet gentle word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
With a piercing two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
To the desert's burning sand;  
From this well comes living water  
Quenching thirst in every land.

*Congregational Singing: “Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul” Grace Hymn 52*

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VERSE 1

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on Thee, when sorrows rise,  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.  
To Thee I tell each rising grief for Thou alone canst heal.  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief for ev’ry pain I feel.

VERSE 2

But oh! when gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine;  
The springs of comfort seem to fail and all my hopes decline.  
Yet, gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust,  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee though prostrate in  
the dust.

VERSE 3

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sov’reign grace be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sov’reign grace attends the mourner’s prayer.  
Oh, may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

VERSE 4

Thy mercy seat is open still; here let my soul retreat,  
With humble hope attend Thy will and wait beneath Thy feet.  
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With humble hope attend Thy will and wait beneath Thy feet.

*Scripture Reading — Isaiah 55*

Michael Teachout

*Pastoral Prayer*

Keith Kruizenga

*Offertory — Congregational Singing: “My Heart Is Filled with  
Thankfulness” Grace Hymn 374.*

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VERSE 1

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain,  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again,  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light,  
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow’r upon my heart.

VERSE 2

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside,  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fear to fly,  
Whose ev’ry promise is enough for ev’ry step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

VERSE 3

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above,  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev’ry thought is love.  
For ev’ry day I have on earth is given by the King,  
So I will give my life, my all to love and follow Him.

*Message*

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

BEHOLD YOUR GOD —

RESPONSE TO THE SACRIFICIAL SERVANT

Isaiah 54-55

In His saving work, the Suffering, Sacrificial Servant has done  
everything: remove sin, establish in righteousness, create a family.

The way is therefore open for response:

to sing over what someone else has accomplished (54:1)  
and to enjoy a feast for which someone else has paid (55:1).

» AN INVITATION TO SING AND WORSHIP — Isaiah 54

» The promise of a fruitful family (v 1)

- » Sarah
- » Rebekah
- » Rachel
- » Hannah
- » Elizabeth

» The encouragement to enlarge the family tent (vv 2-3)

» The direction to neither fear nor be humiliated (v 4)

» The establishment of foundational truth (vv 5-6)

- » You have a husband, your Maker: the LORD of Hosts
- » You have a redeemer: the Holy One of Israel
- » You have a mighty One: the God of all the earth
- » You have been called

» The harsh reality (vv 7-9)

» The promise of the Husband’s provision (vv 10-17)