“TAKE 10 - Worship While Away” (Sunday, November 15, 2026)

Share:

Come! Share the joy of the Lord!
We delight in God's goodness and the abundant gifts we have been given.
Praise God, who entrusts each person with unique treasures, time, and abilities.
Not to bury them in fear, but to invest them in love.
Open your hearts to the Master's call, lifting your voices, your hands, and your lives to the Lord.
Come, let us worship God together!

Read these words from a hymn:

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Read this scripture from worship: Psalm 90, *The Message*

1-2 God, it seems you’ve been our home forever; long before the mountains were born,
Long before you brought earth itself to birth, from “once upon a time” to “kingdom come”—you are God.
3-11 So don’t return us to mud, saying, “Back to where you came from!” Patience! You’ve got all the time in the world—whether a thousand years or a day, it’s all the same to you. Are we no more to you than a wispy dream, no more than a blade of grass
That springs up gloriously with the rising sun and is cut down without a second thought?
Your anger is far and away too much for us; we’re at the end of our rope. You keep track of all our sins; every misdeed since we were children is entered in your books.
All we can remember is that frown on your face. Is that all we’re ever going to get?
We live for seventy years or so (with luck we might make it to eighty), and what do we have to show for it? Trouble. Toil and trouble and a marker in the graveyard.
Who can make sense of such rage, such anger against the very ones who fear you?
12 Oh! Teach us to live well! Teach us to live wisely and well!

Matthew 25:14-30, *The Message*

14-18 "It's also like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities. To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, depending on their abilities. Then he left. Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master's investment. The second did the same. But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master's money.

19-21 "After a long absence, the master of those three servants came back and settled up with them. The one given five thousand dollars showed him how he had doubled his investment. His master commended him: 'Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.'

22-23 "The servant with the two thousand showed how he also had doubled his master's investment. His master commended him: 'Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.'

24-25 "The servant given one thousand said, 'Master, I know you have high standards and hate careless ways, that you demand the best and make no allowances for error. I was afraid I might disappoint you, so I found a good hiding place and secured your money. Here it is, safe and sound down to the last cent.'

26-27 "The master was furious. 'That's a terrible way to live! It's criminal to live cautiously like that! If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least? The least you could have done would have been to invest the sum with the bankers, where at least I would have gotten a little interest.

28-30 "'Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most. And get rid of this "play-it-safe" who won't go out on a limb. Throw him out into utter darkness.'

Talk Together:

- What kind of gifts have been entrusted to you and me?
- What gifts have you buried?
- What is the "joy of your Master?"
- What kind of things does Jesus like to do in the world?
- What does it look like practically to be "faithful with a little" in your current season of life, job, or family?
- How are you living a life in gratitude to God for all you have been given?
- How will you follow up and do something this week?

Pray together:

Spirit of power, you call us your children of light. Wake us up and prepare us for all that is coming. Clothe us with your faithfulness and love. Wrap us with your hope and salvation. Bind us together with your wisdom and strength. Encourage us and build us up, that we might do the same for others. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.