

"TAKE 10" - Worship While Away! (Sunday, September 17, 2023)

Share (From Psalm 23)

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, who welcomes us as we are,
who forgives our mistakes, granting us mercy.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, who sees us in our hardest hours,
who brings a tiny bit of light to break into the darkness.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, who stands up to inequality
who creates a seat for all at the table.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, who holds a hand out to all who seek,
to offer a beacon, and steadiness, a strength.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, let us worship God's holy name.

Read these words from a song..... *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

[refrain] Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Read this scripture from worship..... Exodus 15:1-11,15:20-21

15 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

"I will sing to the LORD,
for he is highly exalted.

Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea.

² "The LORD is my strength and my defense^[a];
he has become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³ The LORD is a warrior;
the LORD is his name.

⁴ Pharaoh's chariots and his army
he has hurled into the sea.

The best of Pharaoh's officers

are drowned in the Red Sea.^[b]

⁵ The deep waters have covered them;
they sank to the depths like a stone.

⁶ Your right hand, LORD,
was majestic in power.

Your right hand, LORD,
shattered the enemy.

⁷ “In the greatness of your majesty
you threw down those who opposed you.

You unleashed your burning anger;
it consumed them like stubble.

⁸ By the blast of your nostrils
the waters piled up.

The surging waters stood up like a wall;
the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹ The enemy boasted,
‘I will pursue, I will overtake them.

I will divide the spoils;
I will gorge myself on them.

I will draw my sword
and my hand will destroy them.’

¹⁰ But you blew with your breath,
and the sea covered them.

They sank like lead
in the mighty waters.

¹¹ Who among the gods
is like you, LORD?

Who is like you—
majestic in holiness,

awesome in glory,
working wonders?

²⁰ Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron’s sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. ²¹ Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD,
for he is highly exalted.

Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea.”

Talk Together:

- Where have you seen God's hands in your own life?
- When have you been surprised by God's work in the world?
- Where have you seen God through others?
- Where has God called you to use your hands for God's work?

Pray together:

Creator of the universe,
Creator of the heavens and the earth,
Creator of waters, sky, grass and trees,
Creator of creeping things and every animal of every kind,
Creator of every person everywhere,
We give you thanks and we give you praise.
Holy God, for your faithfulness,
For your mercies that are new every morning,
For your grace that finds us along our way,
We give you thanks and we give you praise.
Loving God, who endures with us,
Who rejoices with us,
Who weeps with us,
Who finds us when we are lost,
Who cares for us when we are broken,
Who listens as we pour out our hearts to you,
We give you thanks and we give you praise.
Righteous God, for your Holy Spirit,
Who refreshes our hearts,
Who fills us until we overflow with abundance of joy, love, and peace,
We give you thanks and we give you praise.
Eternal God, for your Son Jesus the Christ,
In whom you have delivered us,
In whom you have forgiven us,
In whom you have reconciled us and given us life everlasting,
We give you thanks and we give you praise.

Bless One Another:

Let us go out into the world, recognizing that God leads us, calls us, giving us hands to do God's work in the world. And may the grace and reconciling love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and seen in all that you do.

Resources Used:

Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal
Book of Common Worship
Presbyterian Outlook