

“TAKE 10 - Worship While Away” (Sunday, June 21, 2026)

**Share:**

Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.

**God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.**

God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

**We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!**

**Read these words from a hymn:**

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

*Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.*

*I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go.*

*You alone are our life and our peace and our love.*

*Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.*

*Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.*

*May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.*

*May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.*

*Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.*

*As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.*

*To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.*

*For you saved me by giving your body and blood.*

*As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.*

*I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;*

*but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.*

*And with all of the family you saved by your love,*

*we'll sing to your dawn at the end of your journey.*

**Read this scripture from worship:**

Psalm 86:1-10, *The Message*

<sup>1</sup>Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

<sup>2</sup>Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; <sup>3</sup>be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

<sup>4</sup>Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

<sup>5</sup>For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

<sup>6</sup>Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

<sup>7</sup>In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

<sup>8</sup>There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

<sup>9</sup>All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

<sup>10</sup>For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Matthew 10:24-39, *The Message*

<sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

<sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

**Talk Together:**

- ✓ How does Matthew's gospel invite us to recognize the cost of discipleship?
- ✓ What are the steps, choices, and obstacles for us as disciples?
- ✓ Do we stand with Jesus or deny him in moments of choice?
- ✓ When have you chosen love over division?
- ✓ How do we put "our whole self" into following Christ?
- ✓ How does Jesus reassure his followers when they are scared and alone?
- ✓ What steps of faith will you take this week?

**Pray together:**

Gracious God, grant us strength to embrace the challenges of discipleship. In doubt, remind us of your presence. May our lives witness to your grace as we navigate our journey and strengthen us to be beacons of hope for others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.