



# WALKER'S CHAPEL



*Building a Kingdom Outpost*

A Culture Shaped by Song

May 10, 2026 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Service of Worship

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### *Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation*

#### *Words of Greeting*

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

### **God Calls His People and Reveals Himself**

*God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.*

#### *Call to Worship • Psalm 100*

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!

**People: Know that the Lord, he is God!**  
**It is he who made us, and we are his;**  
**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Leader:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**All: For the Lord is good;**  
**his steadfast love endures forever,**  
**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

#### *Invocation*

*Hymn of Praise • Come Christians, Join to Sing (Hymnal, 302)*

# God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

## Hymn of Prayer • Lord, Have Mercy (see next page)

Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.

Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.

**Women**  
Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.

**Men**  
Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.

## Prayer of Confession • 2 Chr 20:3-4; Psa 20:7; Isa 31:1; Jas 4:6; Eph 6:12; Rom 8:37

**Leader:** Father, we are often quick to fear and to fall into despair when trouble rises against us.

**People:** **Instead of seeking you first, we trust in our own wisdom, strength, and resources.**

**Leader:** Like Israel of old, who often trusted more in chariots and horses than in you, we have often looked to earthly powers more than to your mighty hand.

**People:** **We have relied upon visible securities rather than walking by faith in your promises.**

**Leader:** We forget that our true battle is not against flesh and blood, and we have often responded to our trials with pride, anxiety, and bitterness.

**People:** **We confess that we sometimes try to fight spiritual battles with worldly weapons and self-reliance.**

**Leader:** Teach us, O Lord, to humble ourselves before you and seek your face in every trial.

**All:** **Make us more than conquerors through Christ who loves us. Fill us with steadfast faith, joyful worship, and loving obedience. Amen.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

## *Assurance of Pardon • Psalm 34:17-22*

“When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned” **Amen.**

## *Hymn of Praise • Great is Thy Faithfulness (Hymnal, 32)*

## **God Teaches Us Through His Word**

### *Scripture Reading • 2 Chronicles 20:1-30*

After this the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them some of the Meunites, came against Jehoshaphat for battle. Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, “A great multitude is coming against you from Edom, from beyond the sea; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar” (that is, Engedi). Then Jehoshaphat was afraid and set his face to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah assembled to seek help from the Lord; from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord.

And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court, and said, “O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. Did you not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? And they have lived in it and have built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying, ‘If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before you—for your name is in this house—and cry out to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.’ And now behold, the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they avoided and did not destroy— behold, they reward us by coming to drive us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”

Meanwhile all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. And the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, son of Benaiah, son of Jeiel, son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. And he said, “Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the Lord to you, ‘Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God’s. Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, east of the wilderness of Jeruel. You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.’ Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the Lord will be with you.”

Then Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the Lord, worshiping the Lord. And the Levites, of the Kohathites and the Korahites, stood up to praise the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

And they rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. And when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed." And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the Lord and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say, "Give thanks to the Lord, for his steadfast love endures forever."

And when they began to sing and praise, the Lord set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed. For the men of Ammon and Moab rose against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, devoting them to destruction, and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they all helped to destroy one another.

When Judah came to the watchtower of the wilderness, they looked toward the horde, and behold, there were dead bodies lying on the ground; none had escaped. When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take their spoil, they found among them, in great numbers, goods, clothing, and precious things, which they took for themselves until they could carry no more. They were three days in taking the spoil, it was so much. On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Beracah, for there they blessed the Lord. Therefore the name of that place has been called the Valley of Beracah to this day. Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat at their head, returning to Jerusalem with joy, for the Lord had made them rejoice over their enemies. They came to Jerusalem with harps and lyres and trumpets, to the house of the Lord. And the fear of God came on all the kingdoms of the countries when they heard that the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel. So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God gave him rest all around.

### ***Sermon***

*A Culture Shaped by Song – Jeremiah Pent, Pastor*

## God's People Respond in Grateful Praise

*Hymn of Thanksgiving • Now Thank We All Our God (Hymnal, 98)*

*Profession of Faith • Psalm 47*

Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.  
He subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet.  
He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah

God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.  
The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.  
For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted!

*Prayers of Praise, Thanksgiving, and Petition*

*The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen*

## God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness


*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

*Hymn of Faith • Lead On, O King Eternal (Hymnal, 580)*

**Benediction • Colossians 3:16-17**

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” *Amen.*

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The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er. The  
Lord be gra - cious to you. The Lord turn His face to - ward you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.  
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**Announcements** *Please send prayer requests to [jp@walkerschapel.org](mailto:jp@walkerschapel.org)*

- **Tithes & Offerings.** If you have offerings to the Lord you'd like to give through Walker's Chapel, you may do so in the box on the wall as you leave the sanctuary on your left. You can also give online by using your smart phone to scan the QR code to the right or clicking on the "Give" menu on our homepage. Gifts can be given online via credit card, debit card, and bank draft on a one-time or recurring basis. *Thank you!*



- **Four-Part Hymn Singing Training Next Week.** Join us at 10:15 am in the sanctuary next Sunday prior to the service for training in singing four-part harmony on our hymns. We'll pick a hymn to work on prior to Sunday and email everyone the title so you can prepare accordingly.



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