

“TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, October 27, 2024)

Share:

Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

**From the storms and struggles of life we come to take refuge.**

Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

**From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.**

Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be blessed.

**Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed. Amen and Amen.**

Read these words from a hymn:

*Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown, has broken every barrier down;,  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about, with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Read this scripture from worship:

Job 42:1-6, 10-17, *The Message*

<sup>1-6</sup> Job answered God:

“I’m convinced: You can do anything and everything.

Nothing and no one can upset your plans.

You asked, ‘Who is this muddying the water,

ignorantly confusing the issue, second-guessing my purposes?’

I admit it. I was the one. I babbled on about things far beyond me,

made small talk about wonders way over my head.

You told me, ‘Listen, and let me do the talking.

Let me ask the questions. *You* give the answers.’

I admit I once lived by rumors of you;

now I have it all firsthand—from my own eyes and ears!

I’m sorry—forgive me. I’ll never do that again, I promise!

I’ll never again live on crusts of hearsay, crumbs of rumor.”

<sup>10-11</sup> After Job had interceded for his friends, God restored his fortune—and then doubled it! All his brothers and sisters and friends came to his house and celebrated.

They told him how sorry they were, and consoled him for all the trouble God had brought him. Each of them brought generous housewarming gifts.

<sup>12-15</sup> God blessed Job’s later life even more than his earlier life. He ended up with fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand teams of oxen, and one thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first daughter Dove, the second, Cinnamon, and the third, Darkeyes. There was not a woman in that country as beautiful as Job’s daughters. Their father treated them as equals with their brothers, providing the same inheritance.

<sup>16-17</sup> Job lived on another 140 years, living to see his children and grandchildren—four generations of them! Then he died—an old man, a full life.

Mark 10:46-52, *The Message*

<sup>46-48</sup> They spent some time in Jericho. As Jesus was leaving town, trailed by his disciples and a parade of people, a blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was sitting alongside the road. When he heard that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by, he began to cry out, “Son of David, Jesus! Mercy, have mercy on me!” Many tried to hush him up, but he yelled all the louder, “Son of David! Mercy, have mercy on me!”

<sup>49-50</sup> Jesus stopped in his tracks. “Call him over.”

They called him. “It’s your lucky day! Get up! He’s calling you to come!” Throwing off his coat, he was on his feet at once and came to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup> Jesus said, “What can I do for you?”

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

<sup>52</sup> “On your way,” said Jesus. “Your faith has saved and healed you.”

In that very instant he recovered his sight and followed Jesus down the road.

#### Talk together:

- How does the hymn, “Just As I Am,” speak to you?
- How do you acknowledge your need for God?
- How do you respond to Jesus’ question, “What do you want me to do for you?”
- What particular vision do you seek? What do you want to understand?
- When you see and understand, how will that insight pull you closer to following Jesus?
- Where do we discover who we really are?

#### Pray together

God of restoration, help us to recognize your healing work in our lives and strengthen our faith for the seasons when that work is still in progress. May we cultivate the kind of hope that teaches us of your love. As a prism spills colors through light, may we share your restoring love everywhere we go. Through Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### Resources Used:

*Feasting on the Word*

*Glory to God*

*The Presbyterian Hymnal*