



May 2, 2024

Traditional Favorite Hymns

Social Time

Thanks to those who brought Treats!

Bible Study Business

Prayer Requests and Update Prayer List

Opening Prayer

Introduction to our Hymn Series

Beautiful Savior - ELW 838

Hebrews 1:1-4

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Discussion

- As you read this passage and think about the lyrics, what images come to mind?
- What memories do you associate with the hymn, Beautiful Savior?

Background information on this hymn

♪ **Sing *Beautiful Savior* – ELW 838**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus – ELW 742

John 15:13-16

¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

Discussion

- Does Jesus feel like a friend to you, or like a savior, or God, or teacher, or something else? How do you think of your relationship with Jesus?
- What difference does it make to you to know that you can take whatever is on your mind and in your heart to God in prayer?
- When has this hymn been meaningful to you?

Background information on this hymn

♪ Sing *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* – ELW 742

How Great Thou Art – ELW 856

Psalm 8 - New International Version

- 1 Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.
- 2 Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.
- 3 When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
- 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?
- 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them[f] with glory and honor.
- 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their[g] feet:
- 7 all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
- 8 the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.
- 9 Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Discussion

- When you think about God's role in creation, what images come to mind for you?
- How does nature connect you with the Creator?
- What memories does this hymn evoke for you?

Background information on this hymn

♪ Sing *How Great Thou Art* – ELW 856

Precious Lord – ELW 773

Isaiah 41:9-13

⁹“You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”; ¹⁰do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. ¹¹Yes, all who are incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish. ¹²You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. ¹³For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Do not fear, I will help you.”

Discussion

- How do you imagine the person writing/singing this hymn feels?
- What difference does it make to for God to take your hand?

Background Information on this hymn

🎵 **Sing *Precious Lord – ELW 773***

I Love to Tell the Story – ELW 661

Acts 4:5-14

¹While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, ²much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. ³So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand.

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?”

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. ¹⁴When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition.

¹⁵So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. ¹⁶They said, “What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. ¹⁷But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.”

¹⁸So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in God’s sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; ²⁰for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

²¹After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened. ²²For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was more than forty years old.

Discuss

- Do you love to tell the story? Are you afraid to tell the story? Do you want to tell the story? How do you feel about telling others the story of Jesus and his love?
- Why does it matter if we share our faith and tell others about Jesus?
- How does this hymn resonate with you?

Background Information on this hymn

♪ *Sing I Love to Tell the Story* – ELW 661

Birthdays

Lord’s Prayer

SCHEDULE		
Date	Theme	Musicians
5/2/24	Traditional Favorite Hymns	Lisa Schlotterback
5/9/24	Favorite Christmas Hymns	Lisa Schlotterback
5/16/24	Hymns by Well Known Composers	Lisa Schlotterback
5/23/24	No Bible Study – Memorial Day	None
5/30/24	Hymns by Well Known Composers 2	Lisa Schlotterbeck
6/6/24	Gospels, Spirituals & Social Justice	Randy Amborn
6/13/24	Bible Camp Favorites	Pastor Jim Woodruff
6/20/24	Blues and Folk Tunes	Old Guys Play the Blues
6/27/24	Finale	Lisa Schlotterback