



May 30, 2024
Softer Gentler Hymns

Social Time

Thanks to those who brought Treats!

Bible Study Business

Prayer Requests and Update Prayer List

Opening Prayer

Hymn Series – Today's featured hymns:

- *ELW 556 Morning Has Broken*
- *In the Garden*
- *ELW 232 Let My Prayer Rise Up*

Morning Has Broken – ELW 556

Background information on this hymn

Scripture

Genesis 1:5

God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Genesis 3:8

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze

Discussion

1. Who here is a morning person?
 - What do you like about morning?

2. Where have you found inspiration about God in nature?
 - How does creation point you to the Creator?
3. How do we thank and praise God for creation?
 - What responsibilities do we have as those who have been given this amazing gift of creation?
4. How does this song speak to you?

♪ **Sing *Morning Has Broken* – ELW 556**

In the Garden

Background information on this hymn

Scripture - John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Discussion

1. Who visited a cemetery around Memorial Day?
 - How does it feel as you approach the grave of a loved one?
2. Put yourself in the place of Mary.
 - What would you be feeling as you approached Jesus' tomb?
3. Have you ever not recognized someone you knew well?
 - Why do you think Mary didn't immediately recognize Jesus?
 - Why do you think Jesus' speaking her name made the difference in Mary recognizing him?
4. In what ways does this hymn bring a sense of hope?
5. What memories do you associate with this hymn?

♪ *Sing In the Garden*

In the Garden

1 I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses (Chorus)

Chorus

And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

2 He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing (Chorus)

3 I stayed in the garden with Him
Though the night all around me is falling
But He bids me go, through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling (Chorus)

Let My Prayer Rise Up – ELW 232

Background information on this hymn

Quote from Marty Haugen:

“The songs that we sing repeatedly we come to know.
The songs that we know from memory shape our faith.
This is why **what** we sing is so important,
because **what we sing, we come to believe.**”

Scripture – Psalm 141: 1-5 & 8 A Psalm of David

¹I call upon you, O LORD; come quickly to me;
give ear to my voice when I call to you.

²Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

³Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD;
keep watch over the door of my lips.

⁴Do not turn my heart to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds
in company with those who work iniquity;
do not let me eat of their delicacies.

⁵Let the righteous strike me; let the faithful correct me.
Never let the oil of the wicked anoint my head,
for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.

⁸But my eyes are turned toward you, O GOD, my Lord;
in you I seek refuge; do not leave me defenseless.

Discussion

1. As we read that psalm, did some of it sound familiar?
2. What is David asking of God in this psalm?
 - Why do you think this is what David prayed for?
3. Have any of you visited Holden Village?
 - If so, what was the experience like for you?
4. As you think about the words of this hymn and of David's psalm,
which connects with you more readily? Why?
5. How have hymns shaped your faith?

♪ Sing *Let My Prayer Rise Up – ELW 232*

Closing Thoughts

As Marty Haugen knows, God's words speak to the heart and soul. When they are put to music they become part of us. They make God's word memorable and accessible in times of need. They fill us with comfort in times of sorrow and give voice to our thanks and praise to God.

Birthdays

Lord's Prayer

	SCHEDULE		
Date	Theme	Musicians	
5/30/24	Softer, Gentler Hymns	Lisa Schlotterbeck	
6/6/24	Bible Camp Favorites	Pastor Jim Woodruff	
6/13/24	Gospels, Spirituals and Social Justice	Randy Amborn	
6/20/24	Blues and Folk Tunes	Old Guys Play the Blues	
6/27/24	Favorites of the Women's Bible Study	Lisa Schlotterback	