



BREAKWATER

— CHURCH —

And the rain fell, and the floods came,
and the winds blew and beat on that
house, but it did not fall, because it
had been founded on the rock. —
Matthew 7:25

733 Broadway Ave
Sheboygan, WI 53081
10:00 am

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Pastor Nathan Strom

UNTO THE CITY | BY THE CROSS | FOR GOD'S GLORY

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE | 01.01.23

Call to Worship God's Infinite Greatness

We gather to run to Jesus who forgives all our sins and saves us from our misery!

***Invitation to Worship** :: Psalm 144:1-2, 9-10 (p.524)

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***Prayer of Adoration**

Confession of Brokenness & Response of Faith

God's Will for Our Lives :: Deut. 8:1-20 (p. 152)

Confession of Sin and Misery & Prayer for Grace

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All: Thanks Be to God

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Prayer of Application

Committing to Living by Faith

Ministry of Giving

***Song of Comittment** :: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (p. 7)

Commissioned For Mission with the Gospel

Benediction

**please stand if you are able*

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:1-2

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Confession of Faith: Joshua 1:9

⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Joachim Neander, 1680
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

♩ = 112

G Em D/F# G D Em Bm C G C D7/A Em C⁶ D D⁷ G

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - eth,
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee!
 4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a - dore him!

G Em D/F# G D Em Bm C G C D7/A Em C⁶ D D⁷ G

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion!
 shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!
 Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee;
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

G D/F# G C G C/E D/F# G D7/A G/B G D

All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been
 pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain;

G/B C D7/A Em Am/C B Am/C D D⁷ G

join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 if with his love he be - friend thee.
 glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

Be Thou My Vision

Words by
Eleanor Henrietta Hull
Translation by
Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Music
Traditional Irish Tune

VERSE

D Em⁷ D/F# G A G D Bm A D A E⁷/B

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom be Thou my true Word; I ev - er
 3. Be Thou my shield and my sword for the fight. Be Thou my
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, Thou mine in -
 5. High King of heav - en, when vic - t'ry is won, may I reach

6 A/C# D D/F# G D/F# D A/C# Bm⁷ A G G/D D

else to me, save that Thou art— Thou my best thought, by
 with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Fa - ther,
 dig - ni - ty, be Thou my might; Thou my soul's shel - ter and
 -her - i - tance, now and al - ways; Thou and Thou on - ly be
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

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Bm F#m/A G A D D/F#

day or by night, wak - ing or
 I Thy true son, Thou in me
 Thou my high tow'r. Raise Thou me
 first in my heart, High King of
 -ev - er be - fall, still be my

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G D Bm⁷ Em/G Em⁷ G/A D

sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 heav - en, my treas - ure Thou art.
 vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Rock Of Ages

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776
 Music: James C. Ward
 New City Fellowship, 77 77 77

A **Bm7** **A/C#** **DM7** **D 6**

1. Rock of ag - es, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy laws de - mands,
 3. No - thing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,

C#m7 **F#m7** **Bm7** **E** **C#m7** **F#m7** **Bm7** **E**

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy wound - ed side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for e - ver flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

C#m7 **F#m7** **Bm7** **A/C#** **DM7** **C#m7** **F#m7**

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its
 all for sin could not a - tone, thou must save and
 Foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sa - vior, and
 Rock of ag - es, cleft for me, let me hide my

Bm7 **D/E** **E7** **A** **D/E** **E7** **A**

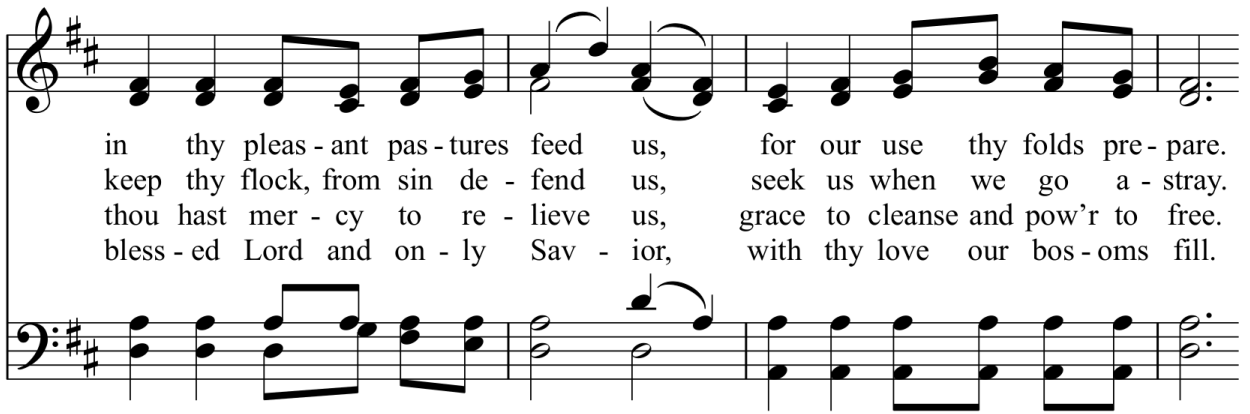
guilt and power.
 thou a lone.
 or I die.
 self in thee.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

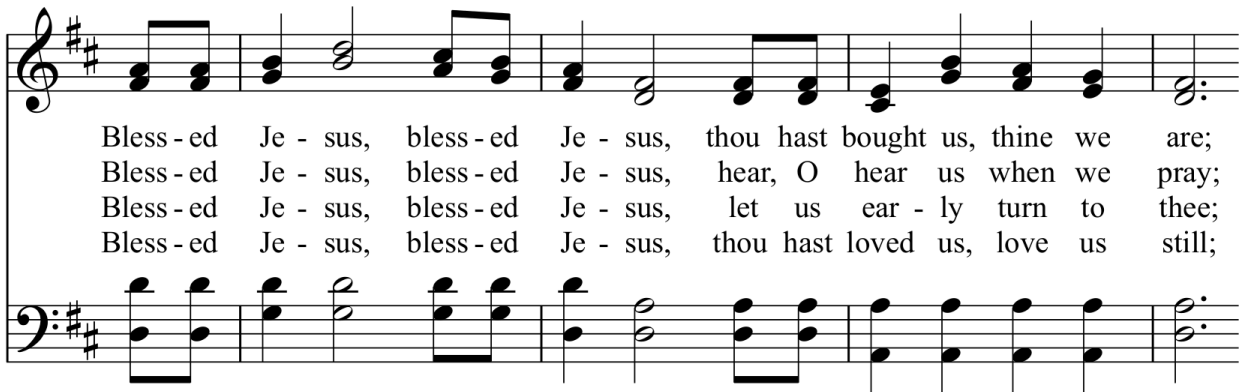
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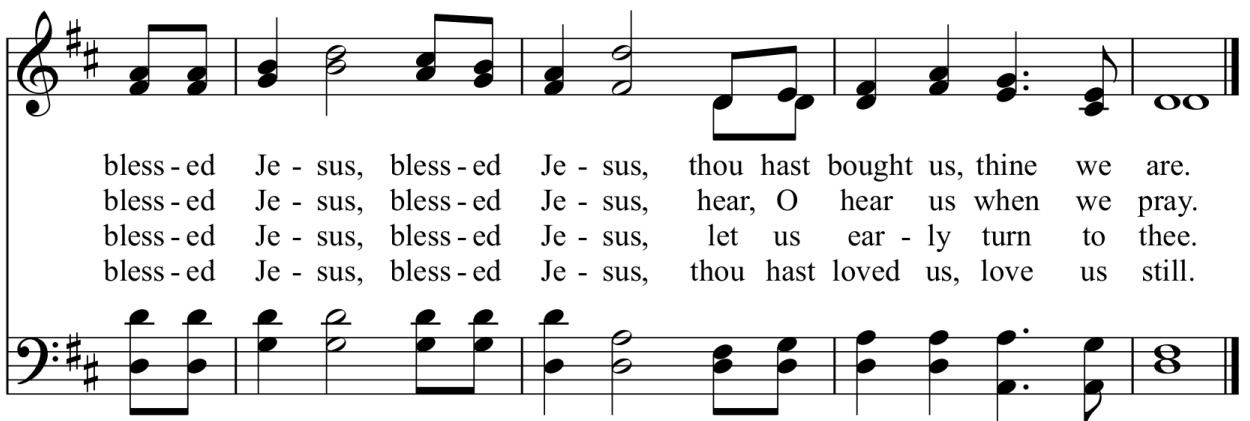
1. Sa - vior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten-der care;
 2. We are thine; do thou be - friend us, be the guar-dian of our way;
 3. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful tho' we be;
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;



in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare.
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos - oms fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to thee;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;



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SERMON NOTES | Mark 6:30-56 (p. 841)

From the Jaws of the Liar

Electronic Outline

1. Jesus the Provider & Parts Played

2. Jesus the Shepherd & His Sheep

3. Jesus the Compassionate & the Conquered

Questions for Home or Discipleship Community:

1. The lies of Satan sow suspicion of God into our hearts. Often with ideas of, “is God punishing me for something?” What thoughts or doubts manifest suspicion of God in your life?
2. Jesus offers himself as the compassionate shepherd to his sheep. Shepherds feed, protect, know, and lead the sheep. Which one do you need most in your life right now?
3. Jesus conquers the dragon with compassion. How does Christ’s compassion fuel your sacrificial service of him? Where do you need to apply his compassion to you right now? What relational opportunities are there for you to show compassion as an ambassador for Christ?

CORE VALUES

CRUCIFORMITY

When no single word will do, you coin a new one. By Cruciformity, we mean two things. First, our corporate life is all about Christ and him crucified. It is popular to call this “gospel-centered ministry”. Cruciformity adds something important. Michael Gorman defined Cruciformity like this—“*a dynamic correspondence in daily life to the strange story of Christ crucified as the primary way of experiencing the love and grace of God.*” We see the Christian life as a daily experience of God’s love and grace as we experience many crosses, especially our own weakness (Phil 2:1-11, Rom 5:1-11).

EVANGELISM & HOSPITALITY

Michael Green’s book on *Evangelism in the Early Church* estimates that 80% of the evangelism of the early church happened in the personal lives of members, not pastors. This implies that the gospel is not only something we believe, but also a story playing out in our lives. As this story unfolds, others see it and we invite them to adopt the gospel-story for themselves. (1 Thess 2:1-9)

VERACITY

The word veracity means “conformity to the truth.” In a world of alternative facts, we are all hungry for honesty, transparency, and authenticity. Breakwater is committed to all three. We value clear and straight-forward preaching from the Bible (2 Cor 4:1-6), otherwise known as expositional preaching. We also summarize our beliefs for all to see. Just as important, we are committed to living in conformity with the truth—authentic about weakness and the strength we find in the gospel (1 Timothy 1:12-17, 2 Timothy 1:13, 1 John 1:6-10).

KINGDOM GENEROSITY

Jesus taught directly about giving. Most helpfully, he said, “It is more blessed (“luckier”) to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). We recognize that giving is to our benefit because it reminds us that we are recipients of full and free grace (Matt 13:44-46) that is more precious than our earthly possessions. We strive to embody generosity in supporting other local churches, meeting felt needs, and supporting home & foreign missionaries (2 Cor 9:1-15).

MUTUALITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

An ancient Christian creed says that the church is a manifestation of God's grace to us. Simply put, other Christians become instruments in Christ's hands to accomplish his purpose (Romans 12:4-5). This means several things for Breakwater. We are all in it together—not just church, but all of life. We “one-another” one another. We pray for one another. We encourage one another. We bear one another's burdens. In addition, Christ gave church officers and other churches for us too! We do this with churches in our own tradition, but with other churches as well.

HETEROGENEITY (Unity & Diversity)

This long word perfectly illustrates an important gospel-truth. It is built from two Greek words: *heteros* and *geneō*. Together they mean—born from diversity. The Bible describes churches as places of notable diversity and extraordinary unity. “Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, or free; but Christ is all, and in all” (Col 3:11). The gospel provides a unity

that transcends all categories. We will strive to represent that reality by stubbornly refusing to be divided (Ephesians 2, Gal 3:27-29).

OUR CITY

Proximity implies responsibility. In his famous parable about the Good Samaritan, Jesus is answering the question, “who is my neighbor, whom I am to love as myself?” This parable offers a direct and challenging answer. “Your neighbor is whoever God places in your path!” Proximity implies responsibility. We are committed to the physical and spiritual good of the city of Sheboygan (Luke 10:25-37).



WELCOME | We are so glad to have you here with us!

Guest Information | If this is your first time worshipping with us, please fill out one of our contact cards and drop it in the offering. We would love to learn more about you and how we can serve you.

Our Partners | Some say having different churches in the same community shows how divided the church is. We don't think about it that way. We believe the church is one over all the earth. Our denomination is the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and we are very grateful to visibly represent the unity of the church with them. We are similarly thankful for sister churches who honor Christ and have chosen other denominations or no denomination at all. We are committed to publicly support and work alongside other churches.

For more information about the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, please visit opc.org/about.

Refreshments | Please join us following the service for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

Our church is overseen by the elders of Bethel OPC in Oostburg, WI. We are very thankful for their support and guidance. If you would like to pray for them, their names are:

- Pastor David Veldhorst
- Brian DeMaster
- Carl Roethel
- Jeff Gulke
- Joel Frier
- Joel Navis
- Timothy Wieskamp
- Jason Feyereisen
- Linc Davies
- Jacob DeMaster
- Brian Gesch
- Pastor Nathan Strom