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# PRELUDE

Hallelujah Instrumental 🙏

Heavenly Harp Music 🙏

Hallelujah Cover



WELCOME



**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open and from whom nothing is hidden, glory to your precious name. Thank you for waking us in the land of mortals and inviting us to fellowship with you. Sanctify our hearts and help us during this service to keep our minds from wandering. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**





# May Announcements

## 02 Morning Devotions

Tomorrow, May 2, 6:00 am – 6:15 am, - 15-minute devotions resume, via ZOOM.

## 05 Midweek Service

Thursdays, 7:00 pm, via YouTube.

## 19 Luncheon Canceled

Thursday, May 19, 2022, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, plan on attending the first monthly UPC pastor's luncheon.

## 21 Workshop- Canceled

Saturday, May 21, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm,





# CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**For the Lord is greater than great and worthy of worship.**



It is he who has made us.

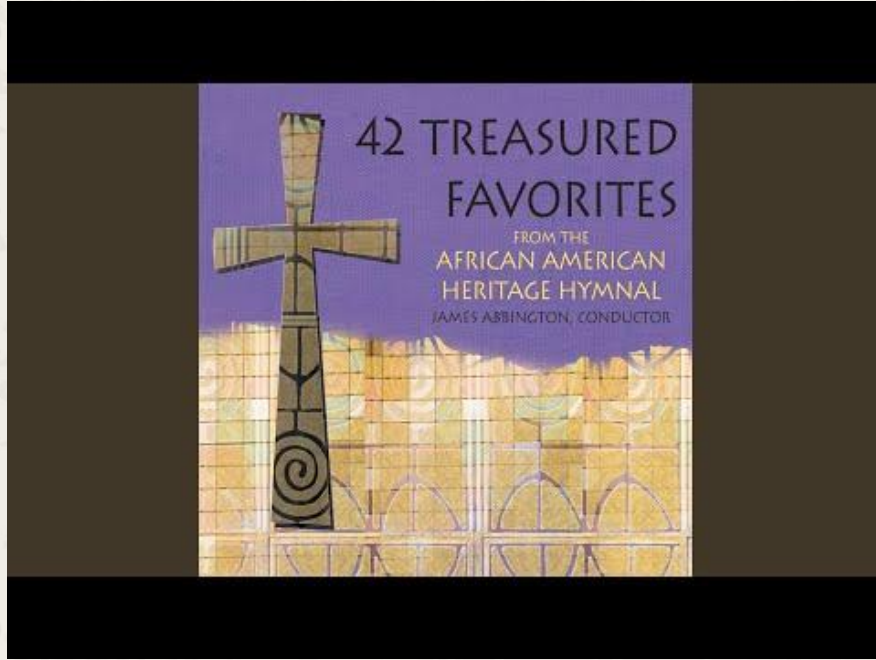
**We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

It is right and good that we should praise the Lord.

**Let us learn how to better serve the Lord while we have the time.**

**And let us exalt God's name together.**





# OPENING HYMN



**We'll Understand It Better  
By and By**



# AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.







Brothers and sisters, please join me in the morning prayer

**CALL TO CONFESSION**





**I call upon You, O LORD; come quickly to me. Hear my voice when I call to You.**

**May my prayer be set before You like incense, my uplifted hands like the evening offering.**

**Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch at the door of my lips. Do not let my heart be drawn to any evil thing or take part in works of wickedness with wrongdoers. Let me not take pleasure in participating in their corrupt deeds. Lord, let your Spirit correct me and help me recognize it as an act of loving devotion, remembering that you chasten those you love. When trouble strikes and threatens to overwhelm me, help me remain focused on you. Let me recognize and respond to your Spirit urging me to remember that you are my defender. Therefore, no evil shall overtake me.**

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**





Receive the good news, when we confess our sin and earnestly repent, we are saved in the mighty name and through the blood of Jesus.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**





PASSING  
THE  
PEACE



# SERMONIC HYMN

**Just a Closer Walk with  
Thee - piano instrumental  
hymn with lyrics**






PRAYER FOR  
ILLUMINATION



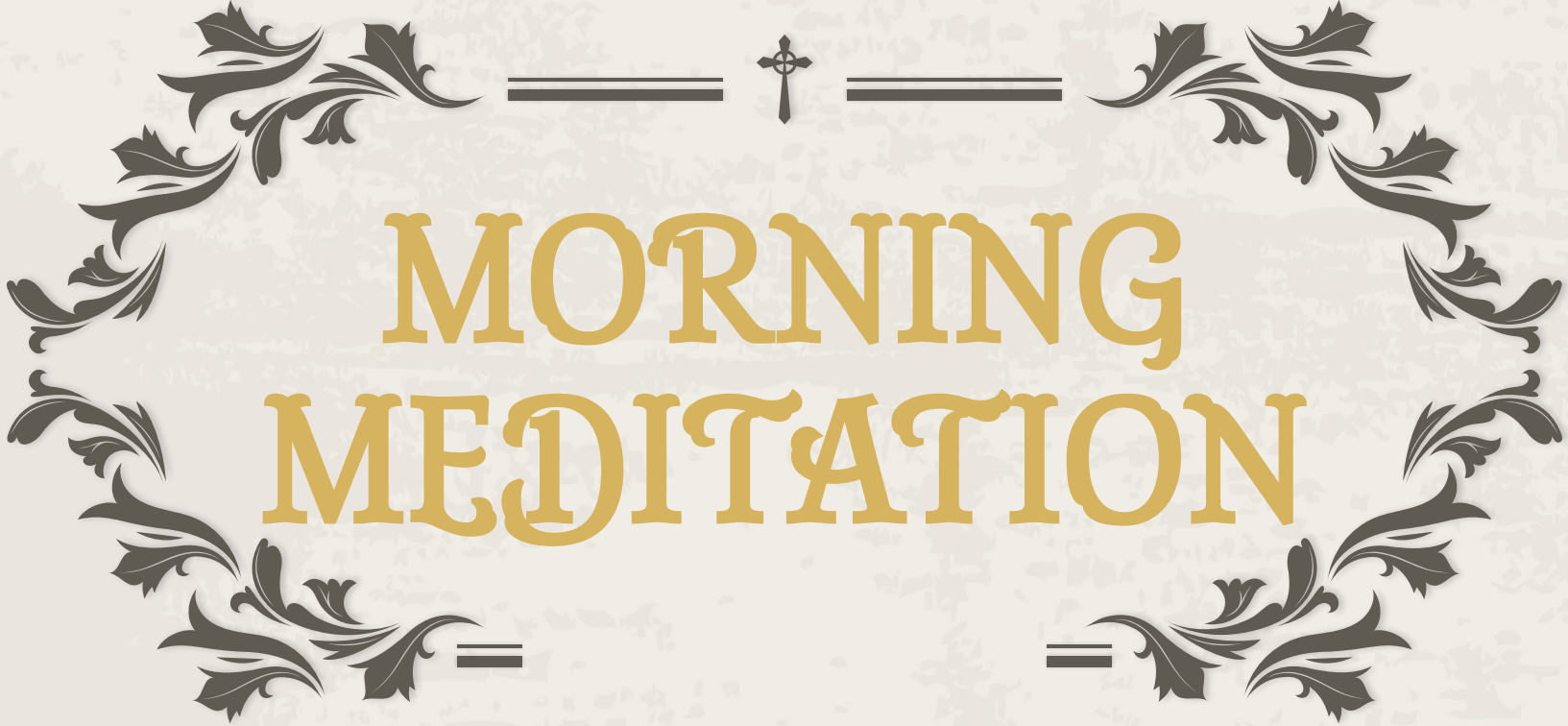
# A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES- ACTS 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."





# MORNING MEDITATION







CALL TO  
DISCIPLESHIP



# PRAYER

**Sweet Hour of Prayer (Silo Sessions) // Sounds Like Reign**



PRAYERS OF  
THE PEOPLE



Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER





Now may the God of Peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen. (Hebrews 13: 20-21)

**BENEDICTION**





# POSTLUDE

**Jesse McGuire "Because  
He Lives" 700 Club, 1996**