

GATHER

Ephesians 1:1-10

EPHESIANS 1:1-10 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

FROM PAUL DEAN'S SERMON There are people who take great pleasure in restoring things, reclaiming things. Furniture, cars, houses, things made from brass, things made out of steel or wood. We have tv shows, auctions and events celebrating that kind of restoration. They celebrate those who choose to see beyond the effects of neglect, accidents or basic wear and tear. They can see a way back; a redemption of sorts.

The same is true for lived experiences. We all have stories about the effects of neglect, accidents, mistakes or just basic wear and tear in our lives. And in each of those stories we pray and hope for a way back, for redemption.

FOR REFLECTION *What does it mean to restore something? Do you think that people can be restored? What does that mean? What does it look or feel like to be a restored person? Do you have any experience with this kind of restoration?*

What do you think it means for God to gather all things? What images come to mind when you hear that phrase? Does God really mean ALL things? Everything? Is this a hopeful image? Does it seem possible? What kind of God would gather up every single thing?


Take some time to listen to theologian Rob Bell's podcast [Robcast #16: Nineteen Letters!]. Find it at robbell.podbean.com/e/19-letters/

FOR REFLECTION *If God is in the business of retelling, reframing stories, what does that mean for your life? Can God gather it all up and make even the bad parts compelling? How do the ups and downs, twists and turns in our lives somehow point to a larger force, a God that holds it all together? Is that the same kind of story we read in scripture – full of joys and sorrows, enormous mistakes and blunders, and ultimately a God who never leaves us alone? Why is that important?*



**PRINCE
OF PEACE**
Love God. Love People.

June 22–23, 2024
Ephesians 1:1-10



Gather **The Jesus Way**

WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

I Saw the Light
I'll Fly Away

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SATURDAY MESSAGE: **Nathan Lyke**
SUNDAY MESSAGE: **Paul Dean**

In the Garden (Instrumental Only)

Just a Closer

Walk with Thee (Saturday)

Go in peace, and remember
that you are all brothers
and sisters in Christ.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Outdoor Worship: Saturdays 5:30 pm and Sundays 10:30 am
Check popmn.org and our social media pages for weather alerts.
Download sermon resources: popmn.org/worship/downloads/

Bluegrass Worship This Weekend!
All worship services this weekend will be led by a bluegrass band!

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Pastor Paul Gauche's Farewell Celebration: Sunday, June 30
Come celebrate Pastor Gauche at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary!

JOIN US FOR FAMILY MINISTRY

We are looking for volunteers to help us with Worship Arts Camp
July 15-18. Visit popmn.org/wac-2024 to sign up for a shift.

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Mission Outpost is collecting new or gently used linens.
Donation hours/locations: popmn.org/missionoutpost

Your gift supports mission and ministry. Thank you!



Connect With Us

We are here to love God and all people by being the heart, hands and feet of Jesus in the world so that all might know that they are loved. We are an open and affirming church. We value growing a relationship with God and with each other, and showing up for people in need in this community and beyond. **Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church!**



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of the Spiritual Care
Team contact you.

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I SAW THE LIGHT

Hank Williams

Chorus:

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more sorrow, no more light
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the lord, I saw the light

Verse 1:

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Saviour in
Then Jesus came like an angel in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Chorus

Verse 2:

Just like a blind man, I wandered alone
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like a blind man
that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Chorus

Verse 3:

I was a fool to wander astray
For straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Chorus

I'LL FLY AWAY

Albert E. Brumley

Verse 1:

Some glad morning, when this life is over
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Chorus:

I'll (fly away) fly away, Oh glory
I'll (fly away) fly away (in the morning)
When I die Hallelujah, by and by
I'll (fly away) fly away (I'll fly away)

Verse 2:

When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars have flown
I'll fly away

Chorus

Verse 3:

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away

Chorus

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

Verse 1: (Worship Leaders)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus: (All)

Leaning, leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 2:

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus

Verse 3:

What have I to dread, what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus x3

Saturday Only:

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

(Default Arrangement) by Derrick Lee

Verse 1:

I am weak Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied just long
As I walk let me walk close to Thee

Chorus:

Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

Verse 2:

Thro' this world of toil and snares
If I falter Lord who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee

Verse 3:

When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently safely o'er
To thy kingdom shore To thy shore

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.