

Opening Remarks

Call to Worship: "A Christian's Daily Prayer"

1 As morning dawns and day awakes,
To You I bring my need
O gracious God, my source of strength,
In You I live and breathe
Each hour is Yours by wisdom planned,
Each deed empowered by sovereign hands
Renew my spirit, help me stand;
Be glorified today

2 As day unfolds, I seek Your will
In all of life's demands
And though the tempter tries me still,
I cling to Your commands
Let every effort of my life
Display the matchless worth of Christ
Make me a living sacrifice;
Be glorified today

Baptism

Song of Confession: "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Chorus:

I need Thee, O I need Thee;
every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

1 I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

Chorus 1x

2 I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power
When Thou art nigh.

Chorus 1x

3 As sun gives way to darkest night
Your Spirit still is here
And though my strength fades like the light
New mercies will appear
I rest in You; abide with me
Until our trials and suffering
Give way to final victory
Be glorified, today; be glorified, I pray

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3 I need Thee ev'ry hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide
Or life is vain.

Chorus 1x

4 I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most holy One;
O make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son!

Chorus 1x

Special Music: "Christ Our Treasure"

1 Lord, our feet have wandered
all the earth unsatisfied
Drinking from a sea of emptiness
has left us dry
So we turn our eyes to

Chorus:
Christ our Treasure, there is none like You
Precious Jesus, there is none like You

2 Living Water, Word of Life,
You are forever true
Every blessing, joy abounding
here in knowing You
So we fix our eyes on

Chorus1x

Message: "Does It Even Matter?"
(Ecclesiastes 1:1-18 & 12:9-14)
See notes on page that follows.

Song of Response: "O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer"

1 O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

2 O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

Announcements & Benediction

Bridge:
Grace for the guilty, help for the needy
Jesus, You satisfy our souls
Strength for the weary, hope for the grieving
Jesus, You satisfy our souls

Healer of sickness, fountain of goodness
Jesus, You satisfy our souls
Faithful provider, gracious redeemer
Jesus, You satisfy our souls

Mighty in power, awesome in splendor
Jesus, You satisfy our souls
Author, Perfecter, Keeper, Sustainer
Jesus, You satisfy our souls

Chorus 2x

3 O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose, the grave and death are
conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

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**See the next page for sermon
notes.**

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Book/Commentary Recommendations: *Living Life Backward* by David Gibson and *Exalting Jesus in Ecclesiastes* by Daniel Akin and Jonathan Akin.

Qoheleth = Teacher or _____ (in Hebrew)
Ekklesia = Assembly (in _____)

“The weariness of life points us to the only God who can _____ our souls” --Ryken

_____ on earth brings true satisfaction.

Our work doesn't have to be in _____. Because of the resurrection, it can truly matter (1 Corinthians 15:58)

“God has made us for himself and our _____ are _____ until they find their rest in him” --Augustine

Creative Challenge of the Week: Write a paragraph or poem describing how God brings meaning and significance to the otherwise meaningless tasks of life.