

SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF CHRIST  
Close Encounters: Meeting Jesus ~ March 29, 2020

Gathering Music

Bill Woods

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 136 (written for today)

**Response: God's love endures forever!**

Opening Song

*Forever*

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1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King, His love endures forever.  
For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus

Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever. Forever.

2. With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, His love endures forever.  
**For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever.**  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise! [Chorus—sing twice]
3. From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise! [Chorus—sing twice]

Song

*Be Still, My Soul*

#534

Words: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1855 (Ps. 46:10); Music: Jean Sibelius, 1899. Public Domain

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future as in ages past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

## Children's Message

Response *Glory Be to the Father* #71  
Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Message *Empowered: Gerasene Demoniac*  
Scripture Mark 5:1-20

Special Music *Build My Life* Bill Woods  
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Time of Prayer  
Joys & Concerns  
**Pastoral Prayer and 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. Amen.

Announcements and Invitation to Give  
Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn *We've A Story to Tell to the Nations* #569  
Words & Music: H. Ernest Nichol, 1896. Public Domain.

1. We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil,  
and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword.

[Refrain]

3. We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above  
has sent us His Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.

[Refrain]

4. We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod,  
that all of the world's great peoples  
might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God!

[Refrain]

Benediction

Reprise—closing hymn