



Virtual Service of the Camrose Church of God – March 29, 2020

To respect the resources entrusted to us, use this as a digital resource and do not print unless required for visual purposes. While we cannot gather physically, we can still worship in our own homes. Let's do something familiar together (virtually), and spend time reading scripture, singing and praying.

Blue underlined texts on Scripture will take you to BibleGateway.com passages.

You can use the service music three different ways:

- If you are signed into a **Spotify** account (preferred), use the Spotify playlist by clicking [here](#).
- Click on the blue underlined texts on song titles to open a **YouTube** video (you'll have to watch brief ads and press stop after each song.)
- Sing your own version using the **lyrics provided** at the end of this service

This week, we bring things into focus: · To what things do our attentions wander? · To what things are we called by God?

Let's start at the ending, which is the same place where God would have us start: [Lamentations 3:21-23](#) [Revelation 22:13](#)

Prayer: Lord, help us to look far beyond things that are difficult, that consume us and pull us away from you. You Are behind and in front of all of our troubles. Help us to focus in on Your faithful care, knowing that no matter what goes on in the world around us, You already knew about it and are in control of what was, what is, and what is to come. Help our eyes always to be towards You, the first and the last. As we gather together

today in our homes to worship You, together we thank You for Your faithfulness! **Amen.**

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Together we look towards God, our hope and our Salvation: [Psalm 121](#)

I Lift My Eyes Up

Open The Eyes of My Heart

Offering *We remember that the financial needs of the church remain, and that our support is sought even when we do not gather. Together we will be faithful in our giving.*

Prayer Father, as we listen for what You would have us give to your work, help us to remember how generous You are with us, every moment of every day. May we never, ever take for granted what we have, even in the midst of these troubled days. We thank you for beds to sleep in, food to eat, friends who care for us, and the gifts you give us from moment to moment. Thank You for the gift of this day. Bless the giving of our tithes and offerings. **Amen**

Grateful For Another Day

Together we contemplate Christ's choosing His disciples, and the ministry God worked through them. They were common, non-name people like us, and they had their eyes focused squarely on Jesus. Let's focus our attention on this question: how does the mercy and grace Christ extended when He walked on this earth, and His continuing favour and forgiveness today **make a difference to us, now, in this time? What is He asking us to do with this?**

[Luke 6:12-19](#)

Message link; <https://www.wevideo.com/view/1628197543>

[Welcome to the Place of Level Ground](#)

Prayers of God's People

Adoration – Lord, we pause now to worship You for Who You are. <Quiet personal prayer of adoration>. **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Confession – Lord, we pause now to confess our sins – those things we have done, and have neglected to do, which have caused hurt or harm. We are so sorry for these things. <Quiet personal prayer of confession and repentance>. **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Supplication – Lord, we pause now to ask You for a touch of Your miraculous hand. Show us where You would have us act to show Your love, and where we can help our families, our neighbours, our co-workers, and our world. What are You asking us to do? <Quiet personal prayer of request>. **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Thankfulness – Lord, when we pause to think of these things, of Who You are, of how You forgive us even when we struggle to forgive ourselves, and of the work that You do in this crazy world, we are humbled to our knees. You are so much bigger, and greater, and mightier than all of our stuff. Thank You that You are not a God of the past, but that we can see You here, now, as Yahweh in our lives and in our world. You are the Almighty One, our Sustainer, our Caregiver, our Saviour. Thank You for caring for our hurting world. Thank You for watching over our missionaries wherever they may be: Janaye Breker, the Stephensons, the Bistritans, Raylene Mitz, and others, and for the missionaries here in our midst. Thank You for guiding our civic and global leaders, our healthcare leaders, and our spiritual leaders as they seek to provide us with the advice and the care that we need, especially when the answers are not quickly evident. Thank you for protecting our church family, and for healing them when they are sick in body or soul. Thank You for protecting us from the evil one and we ask for Your continued protection in the days to come. Thank You that even when we don't see it, You are at work. THANK YOU Lord, for helping us to keep our eyes fixed on You. We pray these things believing You will do them in and through us. **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen. Amen.**

Because He Lives To close today's worship, we look to a prayer of St. Patrick. We may not wear combat gear in our daily lives, but St. Patrick's breastplate can function as divine armor for protection against the work of the enemy, just as Paul wrote in [Ephesians 6:11](#).

Let's pray:

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me. Lord, send us out into the world this week protected in your armour, free from the work of the enemy. In a scared world craving a sign of comfort, send us our proclaiming the truth that You are in control, and that You love each one of us unconditionally.

Amen

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.

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I Lift My Eyes Up

Verse I lift my eyes up to the mountains, where does my help come from?
My help comes from You, maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.

Chorus Oh how I need You Lord, You are my only hope, You're my only prayer. So I will wait for You, to come and rescue me. Come and give me life.

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Open The Eyes Of My Heart Chorus Open the eyes of my heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You, I want to see You.

Verse To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy. Bridge Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You

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Grateful For Another Day

Verse 1 I'm grateful for another day, this gift of life all lit with grace. A day to let judgements go, a day to love peace and let it grow.

Verse 2 I'm grateful for another day, a chance to trust come what may. A day to risk loving more. Let's see what God may have in store.

Chorus 1 A day to see the reasons, a thousand gifts receiving, A day to trust that God will see us through. A day to stop complaining, a day to start reclaiming, A day to trust that God will see us through.

Verse 3 I'm grateful for this time. I'll live it knowing love is mine. A day to let worry go, a day when compassion stirs and flows.

Chorus 2 A day to see the reasons, a thousand each season, A day to trust that God will see us through. A day to stop complaining, a day to start reclaiming, A day to trust that God will see us through.

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Welcome To The Place Of Level Ground Verse Welcome to the place of level ground. Welcome to the place where grace abounds. We all need

mercy, we all need mercy. Welcome to the place where none can boast.
Welcome to the place compassion flows. We all need mercy, we all need
mercy.

Pre-Chorus None of us are worthy on our own. None of us could keep the
perfect law. None of us have lived a sinless life. But thanks be to God, He
sent us all a Savior.

Chorus Jesus Christ, the only God of grace. Favor and forgiveness flowing
down. Jesus Christ, once for all You gave, Saving us forever through Your
blood. You are the only God of grace

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Because He Lives

Verse 1 God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus. He came to love, heal
and forgive. He bled and died to buy my pardon. An empty grave is there to
prove my Savior lives.

Chorus Because He lives I can face tomorrow. Because He lives all fear is
gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just
because He lives.

Verse 2 How sweet to hold our newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he
gives. But greater still the calm assurance this child can face uncertain
days because Christ lives.

Verse 3 And then one day I'll cross that river. I'll fight life's final war with
pain. And then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and
I'll know He reigns.

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