



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
CONWAY

# Prelude - God's Highway

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1. My feet are strong  
And my eyes are clear  
I cannot see the way from here  
But on we go  
He knows the way  
And in his arms he keeps me safe

*(Chorus) Fear not  
Keep on  
Watch and pray  
Walk in the light  
Of God's highway*

2. I see the shore  
From troubled seas  
This tiny ship that carries me  
It is not yet  
But it will be  
So heaven come its you we need  
*(Chorus)*

3. The shadows flee  
The valley is deep  
But evil cannot conquer me  
Your rod and your staff  
They protect me  
You give me rest, you give me peace  
*(Chorus 2x)*

I'm holding on to you Lord, You're holding on to me (3x)

*(Chorus 2x)*

Walk in the light  
Of God's highway

# Praise

## Call to Worship - Psalm 107:1-3, 8-9, 15-16, 21-22, 31-32

[1] Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! [2] Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble [3] and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

[8] Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! [9] For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

[15] Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! [16] For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.

[21] Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! [22] And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

[31] Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! [32] Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

## Invocation

### Hymn of Praise - How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

2. In every condition, in sickness, in health;  
in poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;  
at home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,  
as thy days may demand, shall my strength ever be.

3. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

4. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

5. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

6. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

## Affirmation of Faith - Exodus 34.6-7

*Minister:* What is God like?

*Congregation:* **Merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.**

# Hymn of Praise - Isaiah 43

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1. When you pass through the waters I will be with you,  
 And the waves will not overcome you.  
 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
 I have called you by name, you are Mine.

*(Chorus) For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God), I am the  
 Lord your God (I am)*

*The Holy One of Israel,  
 Your Savior.*

*For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God), I am the Lord your  
 God (I am)*

*The Holy One of Israel,  
 Your Savior.*

*I am the Lord (do not fear) 4x*

2. When you walk through the fire you'll not be burned,  
 And the flames will not consume you.  
 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
 I have called you by name, you are Mine.  
*(Chorus)*

## Confession

### Scriptural Warning - Ephesians 2.1-3

[1] And you were dead in the trespasses and sins [2] in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— [3] among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

## Way of Salvation - Ephesians 2.4-7

[4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— [6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

## Confession of Sin - Kingdom Prayer

*Congregation: Most Holy Father,*

**We confess that we often do not believe that your kingdom has come with Christ; therefore, we seek to live according to the ways of the kingdoms of this world.**

**We do this because we are scared and doubt the hope, security, and identity that is ours in Christ our conquering king.**

**Strengthen us by your Spirit to live as faithful citizens of your unshakeable kingdom. Amen.**

## Hymn of Confession - The Gospel is Good News Indeed

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1. The gospel is good news indeed,  
to sinners deep in debt;  
the man who has no works to plead,  
will thankful be for it.  
To know that when he's nought to pay,  
his debts are all discharged,  
will make him blooming look as May,  
and set his soul at large.

2. No news can be compared with this,  
 to men oppressed with sin;  
 who know what legal bondage is,  
 and labor but in vain.  
 Freedom from sin and Satan's chains,  
 and legal toil as well,  
 the gospel sweetly now proclaims;  
 which tidings suit them well.

3. How gladly does the prisoner hear,  
 what gospel has to tell!  
 'Tis perfect love that casts out fear,  
 and brings him from his cell.  
 The man that feels his guilt abound,  
 and knows himself unclean,  
 will find the gospel's joyful sound,  
 is welcome news to him.

## Assurance of Pardon - Ephesians 2.8-9

[8] For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

## Exhortation to Holiness - Ephesians 2.10

[10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## Hymn of Response - His Mercy is More

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
 Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum  
 Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
 Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

*(Chorus) Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more  
*(Chorus)*

3. What riches of kindness he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more  
*(Chorus)*

## Means of Grace

### Pastoral Prayer

### Scripture Reading - Psalm 17

*Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**



# Children's Sermon

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

## Prayer for Illumination

## Sermon - Luke 16

The Dishonest Manager, The Kingdom of God, and The Rich Man

## Lord's Supper

## Communion Hymn - Christ is Mine Forevermore

1. Mine are days that God has numbered

I was made to walk with Him

Yet I look for worldly treasure

And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer

Though I fall, His love is sure

For Christ has paid for every failing

I am His forevermore

2. Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
 Darkness not yet understood  
 Through the valley I must travel  
 Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows  
 from heaven  
 And the strength in times of need  
 I know my pain will not be wasted  
 Christ completes His work in me

3. Mine are days here as a stranger  
 Pilgrim on a narrow way  
 One with Christ I will encounter  
 Harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armour for this battle  
 Strong enough to last the war  
 And He has said He will deliver  
 Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city  
 Where beside the King I walk  
 For there my heart has found its treasure  
 Christ is mine forevermore  
 Christ is mine forevermore  
 Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul  
 For His love is my reward  
 Fear is gone and hope is sure  
 Christ is mine forevermore

### The King's Doxology

To Him who loves us,  
 The One who freed us  
 From all our sins by His own blood,  
 To Him who made us  
 Priests and a kingdom.  
 Glory, dominion unto Him.  
 Amen.

# Response

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Hymn of Thanksgiving - Our Hope Secure

1. Lord, we long to be one  
For you a people redeemed  
Bound by love, through your Son  
O, fit us for eternity

2. Our hope is secure  
We trust in you alone  
Your sacrifice pure, our confidence sure  
Until we reach our home

*(Chorus) Our hope secure  
Let us endure  
By the power of Christ  
We were bought with a price  
One hope, one Lord of all*

3. Your word our master be  
Spirit, on you we rely  
By grace in unity, Teach your body  
To love for the sake of Christ.

*(Chorus) Our hope secure  
Let us endure  
By the power of Christ  
We were bought with a price  
One body, one Spirit of all.*

4. O, let us rest in you  
In the knowledge of your Son  
Your promise kept true,  
all things are made new  
O, Father, make us one

*(Chorus) Our hope secure  
Let us endure  
By the power of Christ  
We were bought with a price  
One faith, one Father of all*

By the power of Christ  
We were bought with a price  
One body, one hope, one call  
One God and Father of all

## Benediction - Numbers 6.24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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