

# When Jesus Pursues the Fallen

Welcome to worship. We are delighted that you are here.

What are you to do when you have fallen in your spiritual journey and feel unfit to serve the Lord... when you have experienced a disastrous breakdown in your allegiance to Jesus? You've prostituted your purity. You've reneged on your promises. You've been dishonest and deceitful. You have cheated on your exam, your taxes, or your spouse.

Our sermon text highlights what our Lord does to restore his fallen disciple - Simon Peter. John Calvin teaches us that one of the take home lessons from this incident in the life of our Lord is: "No one will steadily persevere in serving Christ unless the love of Christ reigns in his heart."

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION \* 9:00 AM Service \* Gathered Worship**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son  
to be for us a sacrifice for sin,  
and also an example of godly life:  
Give us grace to receive thankfully  
the fruits of this redeeming work,  
and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

**SONG FOR GATHERING . . . . .Multiplied**

Your love is like radiant diamonds  
Bursting inside us we cannot contain  
Your love will surely come find us  
Like blazing wildfires singing Your name

God of mercy sweet love of mine  
I have surrendered to Your design  
May this offering stretch across the skies  
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**CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Jeremiah 31:3; 1 John 3:1**

I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
I have drawn you with lovingkindness.

**How great is the love  
the Father has lavished on us,  
that we should be called children of God!  
And that is what we are!**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION. . . . .**

**SONG OF PRAISE . . . . .For God So Loved**

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy  
Come to the table, He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness, Find what You're looking for.

Chorus #1: For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him  
Will live forever.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms. See His open arms. Chorus 1

Chorus #2: The pow'r of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love. [2X]

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His one and only Son to save. Chorus #1 and #2

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

**SONG OF ADORATION . . . . .And That My Soul Knows Very Well**

You make Your face to shine on me  
And that my soul knows very well  
You lift me up, I'm cleansed and free  
And that my soul knows very well

Chorus: When mountains fall, I'll stand  
By the power of Your hand  
And in Your heart of heart, I'll dwell  
And that my soul knows very well

Joy and strength each day I find  
And that my soul knows very well  
Forgiveness, hope, I know is mine  
And that my soul knows very well. Chorus

**MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION. . . . .**

Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Forgive us our lukewarm love and delayed obedience.

Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

Forgive us for thinking that we can solve our own problems.

Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." We confess that our lives are often consumed by faithless fears and worldly anxiety.

Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

We confess, Lord, that too often we remain silent — loving the approval of others more than yours.

Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

We confess that too often we relate to others out of pride and envy and fail to love You and others well.

Have mercy upon us and transform us for Jesus' sake, Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS. . . . . Revelation 1:6-7**

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM. . . . . David Thomas Shadix, Jr.**  
son of David and Mary Lynn

**SONG OF ASSURANCE. . . . . Come As You Are**

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been  
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus: So lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home. You're not too far.  
So lay down your hurt. Lay down your heart. Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless. And all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary  
Rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure. Chorus

Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal Chorus  
Come as you are (4x)

**GREETINGS/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES. . . . .**

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY CHALLENGE. . . . . Philipians 4:6-7**

Be anxious for nothing,  
but in everything  
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving  
let your requests be made known to God.  
And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL READING . . . . .John 21:1-23**

**THE SERMON . . . . .When Jesus Pursues the Fallen**  
*#2 in our series "When Jesus Pursues"*

1. He comes to us (1-8).
2. He feeds us (9-14).
3. He restores us (vv.15-17).
4. He recommissions us (18-23).

**SONG OF COMMITMENT. . . . . Jesus, I am Resting, Resting**

Jesus, I am resting, In the joy of what You are.  
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart,  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul,  
For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

Chorus: Jesus, I am resting, resting, In the joy of what Thou art.  
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

How great Thy loving kindness, Vaster, broader than the sea!  
How marvelous Thy goodness, Lavished all on me!  
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, Know what wealth of grace is Thine,  
Know Thy certainty of promise and have made it mine. Chorus (2X)

I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart. (2X)

**BENEDICTION. . . . . Numbers 6:24-26**

May the LORD bless you, and keep you;  
May the LORD make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace. AMEN.