

## Singing Praise at the Beach

It was an early August Sunday afternoon a number of years ago. The sky was clear, the sun bright, the day pleasantly warm. Morning worship was over; the afternoon was free and beckoning. We had just moved to the West Coast and decided to make our first trip to the ocean. It seemed like a good idea, though one child was less than enthusiastic about the outing. She didn't really want to go.

We stopped to eat our picnic lunch on the way and arrived at the beach midafternoon. A sand dune ten to fifteen feet high separated the parking area from the beach. My wife and two of our children anxiously took off over the dune. I waited with the less-than-enthusiastic one.

Once ready, we walked up the dune. At the top, we stopped. Our daughter was frozen with a look of awe and amazement prompted by the broad, sandy beach, the sparkling water, and the beauty of it all. Joyously, she turned and said, "You can bring me to the beach anytime!"

I immediately thought to myself, "Praise the Lord for this moment. Praise the Lord for overwhelming wonder." Now as I reflect on that experience, I realize that we both had the same response. What our daughter exclaimed, "You can bring me to the beach anytime," sings praise in its own way.

Think about what prompts you to sing praise to God. How do you express it?

—Howard Ullery  
Olympia, Washington

**Text for today:** "Praise the LORD! *Praise the LORD, O my soul!* I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry" (Psalm 146:1-7, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146 (1); 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31.

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# Praise the LORD



# O my soul

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
Hagerstown, Maryland

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**MORNING WORSHIP**

**10:45AM**

September 25, 2022

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" (Russell)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Brenda Shane, Worship Leader

One: Come, all who live in the shelter of the Most High. Gather together, all who trust in God Almighty.

*All: God reigns through all generations. We will praise God as long as we live.*

One: We trust in God, our refuge and our fortress. We can count on God's faithfulness at all times.

*All: God lifts us up when we are threatened or afraid. We call to God for protection and rescue.*

One: Worship God, who richly provides us with all things. Give thanks to the one who dwells in unapproachable light.

*All: God, who made heaven and earth, keeps faith forever. We will pour out our thankfulness in words and deeds.*

**\*HYMN #99** "We praise thee, O God"

[Verse 1]

*We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love, for Jesus who died,  
and is now gone above.*

[Refrain]

*Hallelujah! Thine the glory, hallelujah! Amen!*

*Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again.*

[Verse 2]

*We praise thee, O God, for thy Spirit of light, who has shown us our Savior  
and scattered our night.*

[Refrain]

[Verse 3]

*All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain, who has borne all our sins,  
and doth cleanse ev'ry stain.*

[Refrain]

[Verse 4]

*We praise thee, O God, for the joy thou has giv'n to thy saints in communion,  
these foretastes of heav'n.*

[Refrain]

[Verse 5]

*Revive us again, fill each heart with thy love.  
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.*

[Refrain]

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Ever-present God, let your Spirit fill this place, for we need to know that you are in charge. Through the terrors of night, amid the arrows that fly by day, we need to sense your power, your protection, your higher purpose. Show us here your saving, healing strength. Grant to us such confidence and contentment that we may look beyond ourselves to become a blessing to others. Amen.

**A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN**

**BLESSING OF THE MICAH'S BACKPACK MINISTRY**

**SERVICE OF GIVING**

**Call to Giving**

Because the love of money is the root of all evil, we seek to make wealth a tool for accomplishing good more than for accumulating things. Because we have been blessed in order that we might share, we bring our offerings with gratitude and rejoicing. Let us give thanks with glad and generous hearts.

You are invited to place your offering in the plate at the front of the chancel during the offertory or after the service. If you are watching on facebook live or the HCOB webpage, we virtually pass the offering plate to you. You can drop your offering off at the church, mail it to the church or use Paypal on the Hagerstowncob webpage to give.

**Offertory** "Autumn Song" (Higgins)

**\*Doxology** "Praise God from whom"

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

What a joy to have something to give! Thank you, God, for granting us choices in the use of all you have placed on earth for our use. We have chosen this portion to dedicate for the ministry of the church in our congregation,

