

# THE LORD'S DAY

December 8, 2024

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
**there am I** in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20

**PRELUDE** – The prelude is a time for heart preparation. It is important that we use this time for preparing ourselves for the privilege of entering the presence of the King.

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship and Chorus 420

**HYMN** “Why Should He Love Me So?” 16

**HYMN** “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” 79

**Worship by Giving**

**Prayer for our Missionaries**

**HYMN** “Ivory Palaces” 32

**Scripture** **Isaiah 53**

**Prayer**

**CHORUS** “God So Loved” 119

**Special Music**

**Message** **The Cost**

**HYMN** “Thank You, Jesus” 662

**Benediction and Postlude**

*“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.<sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”*  
*Luke 2:10 -11*

## The Heaviest Cross

It is not His cross that is heavy;  
It is those that our hands have made  
That hinder us on our journey,  
On our aching shoulders laid;  
There is strength for the load He gives us,  
And balm for the thorn He sends,  
But none for the needless burdens  
And none for our selfish ends.

We bear a burden of sorrow;  
We carry a weight of gold;  
We cling to some treasured idol,  
And will not loose our hold:  
We bend beneath trouble and worries;  
We drag a load of wrong;  
And we cry that the cross is heavy,  
And sigh that the way is long.

Let us drop the sin that besets us;  
Let us cast aside our fears;  
Let us give our grief to Jesus;  
And break our pitcher of tears;  
Let us learn of the meek and lowly  
Who giveth the weary rest;  
Let us take His yoke upon us,  
And walk with Him abreast;

For His yoke is easy to carry,  
And His burden is light in weight;  
He will do His share of the labor,  
For He is a true yoke-mate.  
Are we weary and heavy-laden?  
Are we anxious and full of care?  
That is not the cross of His giving,  
But the one that we make and bear.

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