

# "Songs From the Heart"

A Summer of Psalms For Everyday Life  
Psalm 136 – God's Activity Wrapped Up In Love

Sunday, July 25, 2021 -- 11:00 AM

## AS WE GATHER

If you listen to the words of Psalm 136, you'd think that everything God does must have something to do with love.

The truth is, if you listen to all of Scripture, you'll see that everything God does has to do with love.

## WE CALL ON THE LORD GOD

### WE SING

**"Love The Lord"**

Lincoln Brewster

### TODAY'S PSALM – GOD'S LOVE IN ALL

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

P: Give thanks to the God of gods.

P: Give thanks to the Lord of Lords:

P: To Him who alone does great wonders,

P: Who by His understanding made the heavens,

P: Who spread out the earth upon the waters,

P: Who made the great lights –

P: The sun to govern the day,

P: The moon and the stars to govern the night;

P: To the One who remembered us in our low estate

P: And freed us from our enemies,

P: And who gives food to every creature.

P: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

### Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

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### WE SING

**"Forever"**

Chris Tomlin

## PRAYER

## WE PROFESS OUR FAITH -- APOSTLES' CREED

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Romans 5:1-11**

*God has poured His love into our hearts.*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*(continued)*

<sup>9</sup>Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him! <sup>10</sup>For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life! <sup>11</sup>Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## THE GOSPEL READING

**John 15:9-13**

*Jesus describes for His disciples the true love that comes to us from God.*

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said to His disciples,] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in His love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

## KIDS' TIME

*DCE Liz Peters*

## MESSAGE

**"I Love You, I Love You, I Love You"**

*Pastor Aaron Asmus*

*(Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26)*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**P:** We confess our sinfulness to our Heavenly Father:

**C:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We just deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen..**

*Silent time for personal reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

## GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS FROM GOD

### **We Celebrate Our Lord's Supper**

## WORDS OF PREPARATION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

**"Jesus Loves Me"**

*Chris Tomlin/Reuben Morgan/Ben Glover*

## COMMUNION BLESSING PRAYERS

**OUR OFFERINGS** — *In love, God holds our lives firm in the grasp of His mighty hand. He holds us close as His children and sends us with His gifts into our world to share His love for all in Jesus!*

## WE SING

**"It Is Good"**

*Dan Adler*

## THE CLOSING BLESSING