

Community Outdoor Worship Service

Sunday, July 26, 2026

9:30 AM

Post Office Park

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

P: People of God, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord...

C: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

C: Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

P: Let us pray...

Opening music

~ How Great Thou Art (4 verses)

~ Victory in Jesus (3 verses)

Confession/Absolution

P: We begin our time of worship in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our redeemer and the Holy Spirit our sustainer of life, Amen.

P: Out of the depths, we cry out to You, Oh Lord. Oh Lord hear our voice. Let Your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy. If You, Oh Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are to be feared.

C: Oh Lord hear our cry.

P: God promises to hear our prayers and to never forsake us. Trust that our cries to God are heard by Him and that, in the name of Jesus, reconciliation will happen. Let's take some time to cry out to God asking for forgiveness, trusting that God is waiting to hear from you.

<A moment of silence prayer and reflection>

P: Oh Lord...

C: We wait for You, our souls wait for You, and in Your Word we put our hope. Our souls wait for You, Oh Lord, more than watchman wait for the morning, more than watchman wait for the morning. Oh Lord hear our prayer and forgive us our sins for we know that in You there is mercy; in You there is hope; in You there is life. Hear our cries and grant us Your grace in the name of Your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: We have cried out to the Lord and the Lord has heard our prayers. Oh people of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love. And with Him, is full redemption. Though the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, and by his authority, I declare on-to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins. Rejoice and be glad for we have a God who loves us and wants to spend eternity with us. Praise be to God, Amen.

P: Let us pray...

Scripture – Matthew 13:44-46

Sermon – “Treasure Hunting”

Pastor Eric Hullstrom

Offering – North Iowa Ministerial Association

Closing prayer/Lord's Prayer

Congregational singing

~ Because He Lives (3 verses)

Blessing

Go in peace and serve the Lord...Thanks be to God

How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
[Refrain]

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

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BCVAC Brunch TODAY!

10 am—12 pm at Heritage Town Center

Menu: French Toast, scrambled eggs,
sausage, coffee, juice, water



Join us for Buffalo Center VBS, August 3-7

9:00 am - 12:00 pm with lunch to follow

Register at myvbs.org/bcvbs

Host Church:

First Reformed Church, Buffalo Center



At BCVBS Rome Holy Land Adventure,
we'll make God's word come alive by
living out daily Bible points while being
immersed in the culture of Rome to
discover what its like to be one of the very
first Christians!

For where two or three are gathered in
my name, there am I among them.

- Matthew 18:20

Victory in Jesus

Verse 1

I heard an old, old story how a Savior came from glory,

How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;

I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning,

Then I repented of my sins and won the victory

Chorus

O Victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever!

He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;

He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him.

He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood

Verse 2

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing pow'r revealing

How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;

And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"

And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. [Chorus]

Verse 3

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory,

And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;

About the angels singing and the old redemption story,

And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. [Chorus]

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Because He Lives

Verse 1

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus

He came to love heal and forgive

He bled and died to buy my pardon

An empty grave is there to prove

My Savior lives

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow

Because He lives all fear is gone

Because I know He holds the future

And life is worth the living

Just because He lives

Verse 2

How sweet to hold our newborn baby

And feel the pride and joy he gives

But greater still the calm assurance

This child can face uncertain days

Because Christ lives [Chorus]

Verse 3

And then one day I'll cross that river

I'll fight life's final war with pain

And then as death gives way to vict'ry

I'll see the lights of glory

And I'll know He reigns [Chorus]

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