



**WEST BRIDGEWATER**  
C O M M U N I T Y C H U R C H

Sunday, January 7, 2024

*Join us live on our Facebook or YouTube page beginning at 9:15 a.m.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn: “Across the Lands”**

*Words and music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

You’re the Word of God the Father from before the world began.  
Ev’ry star and ev’ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

You’re the Author of creation; You’re the Lord of ev’ry man;  
and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry; with a word You calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free!

You’re the Author of creation; You’re the Lord of ev’ry man;  
and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict’ry from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven, leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home!

You’re the Author of creation; You’re the Lord of ev’ry man;  
and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

## **Hymn: “Speak, O Lord”**

*Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow’r that can never fail,  
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises,  
and by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

## **Time of Prayer**

### **Sermon: “The Gospel of God”**

#### **Romans 1:1–7 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Hymn: “The Communion Hymn”**

*Words and music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend.*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember  
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you, eat and remember  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember  
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

## **The Lord’s Supper**

### **Hymn: “How Rich a Treasure We Possess”**

*Words and music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa*

How rich a treasure we possess, in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
His blood, our ransom and defense; His glory, our reward.  
The sum of all created things are worthless in compare,  
For our inheritance is Him whose praise angels declare.

How free and costly was the love, displayed upon the cross!  
While we were dead in untold sin the Sovereign purchased us.  
The will of God the Father demonstrated through the Son.  
The Spirit seals the greatest work, the work which Christ has done.

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory.  
Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Amen.

How vast and measureless the flood of mercy unrestrained!  
The penalty was paid in full; the spotless Lamb was slain.  
Salvation, what a priceless gift received by grace through faith,  
We stand in robes of righteousness; we stand in Jesus' name.

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory.  
Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Amen.

**Benediction**

**Romans 15:13 (ESV)**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.