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O How I Love Jesus

**We love Him because
He first loved us. I
John 4:19 (NKJV)**

Frederick Whitfield was born on a cold January day in 1829 in tiny Threapwood, England, population about 250. He attended college in Dublin, Ireland, and devoted his life to pastoral ministry in the Church of England.

You might be interested to know that while Whitfield wrote the verse to this hymn he didn't compose its famous chorus.

Both the simple words and the nimble tune of "O How I Love Jesus" are American inventions of unknown origin. They floated around like orphans, attaching themselves to various hymns in the nineteenth century. One hymnologist found forty-two occurrence of

this chorus in early songbooks. Even such stately hymns as "Amazing Grace" and "Alias! And Did My Savior Bleed" were occasionally sung to this lighthearted melody, with "O How I Love Jesus" used as the refrain.

But when "O How I Love Jesus" was finally wedded to Whitfield's, "There is a Name I Love to Hear," it was a marriage made in heaven. We've been singing it ever since. Some of Whitfield's original verses have fallen by the wayside, which is too bad; every verse tells us what the Name of Jesus can do in our lives.

It tells me what my Father hath in store for every day, And though I tread darksome path, yields, sunshine all the way.

It tells if One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; Why in each sorrow hears a part I that none can hear below.

It bids my trembling heart rejoice, it dries each rising tear. It tells me, in a "stills mall voice," to trust and never fear.

This Name shall shed its fragrance still along this thorny road, Shall sweetly smooth the ragged hill that leads me up to God.

And there with all the blood-brought throng, from sin and sorrow free, I'll sing the new eternal song of Jesus' love for me.

Sources: *Then Sings My Soul Book 2 (150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories).* By Robert J. Morgan

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Sunday Worship Services



Sunday Worship Services are **11:00 am** in the *Sanctuary* and **6:00 pm** in the *Family Life Center (Gym)*. We are asking people to: sit with members of your household, and practice the social distancing.

We also need *volunteers* to help us run the technology

equipment. If you are interested in learning to run any technology devices please contact the church office.

We could offer more morning services if we had more volunteers willing to be trained on technology.

In the event we need more seating in the Sanctuary, we do have seating available in the Laura Ward Sunday School Classroom, across the hallway from the Sanctuary.

Pastor Sean Shrall

Upcoming Events

Oakmont will NOT meet on **Monday**. *Oakmont is under quarantine.*

Methodist Women will NOT meet this month (September 21st)!

Council on Ministries will meet **Tuesday, September 21st at 7:00 pm**. (This will be a Zoom meeting!)

Adult Bible Study: meets **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm** on the Church Website (advance church.net) & Facebook.

Children's Ministry: We will begin **Children's Church on Sunday, September 19th** and **Wacky Wednesday September 22nd at 7:00 pm**. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office.

Youth Group: meets **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm!**

***Facebook:** Advance SURGE Youth Group

***Instagram account:** SURGE Advance Youth Ministry (@surgeadvance)

REMIND: To join, **Text@advance you to 81010**



Psalms 7 (KJV)

¹ O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me: ² Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver. ³ O LORD my God, If I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands; ⁴ If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:) ⁵ Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah. ⁶ Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that



thou hast commanded. ⁷ So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high. ⁸ The Lord shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me. ⁹ Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins. ¹⁰ My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart. ¹¹ God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day. ¹² If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent

his bow, and made it ready. ¹³ He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors. ¹⁴ Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. ¹⁵ He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. ¹⁶ His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate. ¹⁷ I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Advance Memorial United Methodist Church on **Thursday, September 30th 2021.**

A package of five screen-

ings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered. **Carotid artery** ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke. **Abdominal aortic aneurysm** ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the larg-

est blood vessel in the body. An **EKG** to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increase the risk for stroke. Ultrasound of the **lower legs** to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease. Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for **osteoporosis**. These 5 vital screenings

are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the "circle" to 797979,

Dust If You Must

Dust if you must,
but wouldn't it be better
to paint a picture,
or write a letter,
Bake a cake,
or plant a seed;
Ponder the difference
between want and need?

Dust if you must, but
there's not much time,
With rivers to swim,
and mountains to climb;
Music to hear,
and books to read;

Friends to cherish,
and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but
the world's out there
with the sun in your
eyes, and the wind
in your hair;
A flutter of snow,
a shower of rain,
This day will not come
around again.

Dust if you must,
but bear in mind,

Old age will come
and it's not kind.
And when you go
(and go you must)
You, yourself, will
make more dust.

By: Rose Milligan

*From Inspirational
Christian Stories*



The Madness of The Gospel

We preach Christ crucified . . .
1 Corinthians 1:23

One of the great needs in the church today is for every Christian to become enthusiastic about his faith in Jesus Christ. This is the essence of vital spiritual experience. The apostles had

been with Christ, and they could not help but testify to that which they had seen and heard. Every Christian should become an ambassador of Christ with the splendid abandon of Francis of Assisi. Every Christian should be so intoxicated with Christ and so filled with holy fervor that nothing could ever

quench his ardor. The Gospel that Paul preached seemed madness to the world of his day. Let us have this madness! Let us capture some of the magnificent obsession that these early Christians had! Let us go forth as men and women filled with the Spirit of God!

Prayer for the day
Create in me, Lord, the abandonment to reach out unreservedly with the message of Your love.

*from the Billy Graham
Evangelist Association
Daily Devotion*

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Where's The Piccolo?

At certain times in life we may feel insignificant and useless. Surrounded by people with greater talent than ours, we are tempted in our weak moments just to settle back and let somebody else do the work. We reason that what we have to offer won't make much difference anyway. We forget the truth suggested by our Lord's use of five loaves and two small fish to feed a multitude. (John 6:1-14)

Each of us has something important to offer in His service.

Sir Michael Costa was conducting a rehearsal in which the orchestra was joined by a great chorus.

About halfway through the session, with trumpets blaring, drums rolling, and violins singing their rich melody, the piccolo player mutter to himself, "What good am I doing? I might just as well not be playing. Nobody can hear me anyway." so he kept the instrument to his mouth, but he made no sound. Within moments, the conductor cried, "Stop! Stop! Where's the piccolo?" It was missed by the ear of the most important person of all,

It's much the same way with the use of our abilities for the Lord. Whether our talent is great or small, the performance isn't

complete until we do our best with what we have.

Richard De Haan

The master needs what you have to offer

No matter if you think it's small

His work on earth is done through his children

So give Him your best, give your all. —Hess

In God's eyes it is a great thing
To do a little thing well.

Inspirational Christian Stories

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