

# Notes:

Sermon Text

Subject

## Service Music

Pre-service - SABBATH - L. Mason

Prelude - BOURNE - W. Kirkpatrick

Special Music - Little Is Much When God Is In It - K. Suffield

Thursday, February 9, 2023

I've come to believe that so much of what is important and vital in the Christian life happens in the moments we scarcely notice... the daily disciplines and liturgies (whether formal or informal), the in-the-moment decisions to pursue truth and goodness, the sacrificial love of neighbor, the prayers breathed in quiet desperation. I've become weary of hype and very wary of manipulation.

But I also recall the words of Jesus: the Spirit 'blows where it will.' And yesterday I was surprised. Asbury University has a regularly scheduled chapel on Wednesday mornings. It starts at 10:00 and ends at 10:45. Except that yesterday it didn't. Students were dismissed as the gospel choir was singing... but it seemed like no one wanted to leave. A deep sense of awe settled over the place, and people continued to worship. It was still going when I came by the chapel around 3:30 pm. There were hundreds of students in the chapel -- singing quietly, praying earnestly for themselves and their neighbors and our world, and reciting Scripture. It was still going when I came back to the chapel around 8:30 pm. And it was still going 14+ hours after it had started.

This seems so unforced and authentic -- indeed, unpredictable. I was struck by the palpable sense of hope and joy and peace in that place. It was immediately obvious why no one wanted to leave.

The good news is not only true and good but also so luminously and mysteriously beautiful. "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

[I realize that what I'm saying will be baffling to some of my friends. Others may scoff. That's OK; I understand. But some of you will rejoice with those who rejoice... this is for you.]

Tom McCall, via Facebook

*This was still ongoing as of Saturday evening.*

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## SPONTANEOUS REVIVAL AT ASBURY UNIVERSITY IN WILMORE, KY

Spiritual "To Do List"  
(things God has shown me today)



# Higher Ground

JOHNSON OATMAN, JR.

CHAS. H. GABRIEL

1. I'm press-ing on the up-ward way. New heights I'm gain-ing ev-'ry day;  
 2. My heart has no de-sire to stay Where doubts arise and fears dis-may.  
 3. I want to live a-bove the world, Tho' Sa-tan's darts at me are hurled;  
 4. I want to scale the ut-most height, And catch a gleam of glo-ry bright;

Still pray-ing as I on-ward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on high-er ground."  
 Tho' some may dwell where these a-bound, My prayer, my aim, is high-er ground.  
 For faith has caught the joy-ful sound, The song of saints on high-er ground.  
 But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found, "Lord, lead me on to high-er ground."

## CHORUS

Lord, lift me up and let me stand, By faith, on heav-en's ta-ble-land,

A high-er plane than I have found. Lord, plant my feet on high-er ground.

# All for Jesus

MARY D. JAMES

ASA HULL

1. All for Je-sus! all for Je-sus! All my be-ing's ran-somed pow'rs:  
 2. Let my hands per-form His bid-ding; Let my feet run in His ways;  
 3. Since my eyes were fixed on Je-sus, I've lost sight of all be-side,  
 4. Oh, what won-der! how a-maz-ing! Je-sus, glo-rious King of Kings,

All my tho'ts and words and do-ings, All my days and all my hours.  
 Let my eyes see Je-sus on-ly; Let my lips speak forth His praise.  
 So en-chained my spir-it's vi-sion, Look-ing at the Cru-ci-fied.  
 Deigns to call me His be-lov-ed, Lets me rest be-neath His wings.

All for Je-sus! all for Je-sus! All my days and all my hours; hours.  
 All for Je-sus! all for Je-sus! Let my lips speak forth His praise; praise.  
 All for Je-sus! all for Je-sus! Look-ing at the Cru-ci-fied; fied.  
 All for Je-sus! all for Je-sus! Rest-ing now be-neath His wings; wings.