

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR - (G) 461; all 4

Beautiful Savior! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be Thine!

Text: Gesangbuch, Munster, 1677 Tune: Schleisische Volkslieder, 1842. Church CCLI License #133103

KNOWING YOU

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres and wars to own.
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,
spent and worthless now compared to this.

Chorus: Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
there is no greater thing. You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
to be found in You, and known as Yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
all surpassing gift of righteousness. **Chorus**

Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life,
and to know You in Your sufferings.
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
so with You to live and never die. **Chorus**

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HOURS AND DAYS AND YEARS AND AGES - (G) 443; all 4

Hours and days and years and ages swift as moving shadows flee;
as we scan life's fleeting pages, nothing lasting do we see.
On the paths our feet are walking, footprints all will fade away;
each today as we enjoy it soon becomes a yesterday.

But from sin your mercy drew us, would not leave our souls alone.
Gracious Lord, you did renew us; in Christ's death we are your own.
Through the mercy of your leading, each short step along our way
now becomes a path to guide us to the land of endless day.

Though swift time keeps marching onward, it will not decide our end.
You will always be our Father, loving God, eternal Friend.
When life's dangers overwhelm us, you will ever be our stay;
through your Son you are our Father,
always changeless, come what may.

Speed along, then, years and ages, with your gladness and your pain;
when our deepest sorrow rages, God our Father will remain.
Though all friends on earth forsake us and our troubles still increase,
God with his right hand will take us to our everlasting peace.

Text: Rhijnvis Feith, 1753-1824; tr. Leonard P. Brink, 1929; rev. Henrietta Ten Harmse., 1984. © 1987, CRC Publications.
Tune: Moravian chorale book manuscript, Herrnhut, 1735. Church CCLI License #133103

BEAUTIFUL ONE

Wonderful, so wonderful, is Your unfailing love.
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.
No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no heart could fully know, how glorious, how beautiful You are.

Chorus: Beautiful One, I love. Beautiful One, I adore.
Beautiful One, my soul must sing.

Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies.
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing,
how marvelous, how wonderful You are. **Chorus 2x**

You've opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,
You've captured my heart with this love,
'cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You. **Repeat**

My soul, my soul must sing (3x), Beautiful One. **Repeat
Chorus**

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ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;
unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn; all glory be to Christ.

Chorus: All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above,
who is Himself our daily bread; praise Him, the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;
we'll take a cup of kindness yet; all glory be to Christ. **Chorus**

When on the day the great I AM, the faithful and the true,
the Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.
Behold, our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light.
And we shall e'er His people be; all glory be to Christ. **Chorus 2x**

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Welcome to Our Old Year's Worship Service

Sunday, December 31st, 2023

6:00 PM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song of Praise

"Beautiful Savior" (G) 461; all 4

*God's Greeting

*Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #1

*Song of Faith

"Knowing You"

Prayer Requests and Prayers

Offering: Crossroads Prison Ministries

*Song of Preparation

"Hours and Days and Years and Ages" (G) 443; all 4

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Luke 2:21-40 (p. 1019)

Sermon: **"Knowing Jesus in 2024"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application

"Beautiful One"

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Benediction

*Closing Song

"All Glory Be to Christ"

*Postlude

Preaching: Pastor Brent Pennings

Piano: John Prins, Heidi Veldstra

Praise Team: Kevin & Lori Prins, Heidi Veldstra

***Please stand if able (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks**

(B) blue songbooks under pews