

O LORD, MY GOD, MOST EARNESTLY – (G) 63; all 3

O Lord, my God, most earnestly I seek your holy face,
within your house again to see the glories of your grace.
Apart from you I long and thirst, and naught can satisfy;
I wander in a desert land where all the streams are dry.

The loving-kindness of my God is more than life to me,
so I will praise you all my days and pray continually.
In you my soul is satisfied, my darkness turns to light,
and joyful meditations fill the watches of the night.

Beneath the shadows of your wings I sing my joy and praise.
Your right hand is my strong support through troubled nights and days.
All those who seek my life will fall; my life is in your hand.
God's king and people will rejoice; in victory they will stand.

Text: Psalm 63; vers. Psalter, 1912; rev. Psalter Hymnal, 1987. Tune: George C. Stebbins, 1871. Church CCLI License #133103

GOOD, GOOD, FATHER

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like.
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.
And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone.

Chorus: You're a good, good Father; it's who You are, it's who You are,
it's who You are.

And I'm loved by You, it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide.
But I've known that we're all searching for answers only You provide.
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word. **Chorus**

You are perfect in all of Your ways, You are perfect in all of Your ways,
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us. **Repeat**

Oh, this love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think.

As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still,
as You call me deeper still into love, love, love. **Chorus 3x**

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LORD, SPEAK TO ME THAT I MAY SPEAK - (G) 528; all 4

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of Your tone.
As You have sought, so let me seek Your erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed Your hungry ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which You impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as You will, and when, and where
until Your blessed face I see, Your rest, Your joy, Your glory share.

Text: Frances R. Havergal Tune: Robert A. Schumann. Church CCLI License #133103

SPEAK, O LORD

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 power 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.

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THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD - (G) 436; vv. 1 & 3

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas - His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
in rustling grass I hear him pass - He speaks to me everywhere.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad.

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Welcome to Our Evening Worship Service

Sunday, May 7th, 2023

6:00 PM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song of Praise

"O Lord, My God, Most Earnestly" (G) 63; all 3

*God's Greeting

*Apostles' Creed

*Song of Faith

"Good, Good Father"

Prayer Requests and Prayer

Offering: Bethany Home

*Song of Preparation

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" (G) 528; all 4

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-9 (pp. 268-269)

Meditation: **"Speak, Lord"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application

"Speak, O Lord"

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Benediction

*Closing Song

"This Is My Father's World" (G) 436; vv. 1 & 3

*Postlude

Preaching: Pastor Brent Pennings

Piano: Heidi Veldstra **Guitar:** John Welch

Praise Team: Bill & LeeAnn Bergwerff, Heidi Veldstra

***Please stand if able (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks
(B) blue songbooks under pews**