



ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

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Sunday, December 31, 2023

Star words are a practice connected to the celebration of Epiphany when a star in the sky guided the magi to baby Jesus. This morning you will receive a star word and you are invited to trust the word you receive as offering guidance for your life in the coming year. Place your star word where you will see it regularly throughout the year and consider God's movement in your life through, around, and in connection to your star word. Blessed Epiphany!

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: People of God, it is time to celebrate new beginnings.

P: We step into the new year with faith!

L: People of faith, it is time to look ahead in hope.

P: We step into the unknown with hope!

L: People of hope, it is time to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

P: We step forward together as God's family!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from the evil one.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

MEAL CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

Bread Reflection: "How have you seen Jesus sustain you this past year?"

Drink Reflection: "Where have you experienced Christ's forgiveness in your life this year?"

STAR WORD CONVERSATIONS

After receiving your STAR WORD, take a few moments to discuss:

- How do you feel about your word?
- At first thought, how do you see the word connecting to your life?
- Is there one immediate way you can think of that you live into your word in the coming week?
- What scripture, phrase, or song comes to mind that you could carry with you to help you focus on your word?

GENEROSITY

With a generous heart, let's give back to God by placing our tithes and offerings for Him at the boxes by the doors or online through Mogiv.



*Orchard Hill Church exists to see people in our surrounding neighborhoods
and around the world become committed followers of Jesus Christ.*

LET THE REDEEMED

Verse 1

He led me out of the desert
Brought me into His streams
River of living water
Turned my bitter into sweet
And all my burdens are lifted
You took the shackles off my feet

Pre-Chorus

There's no sound louder than a captive set free

Chorus

So let the redeemed of the Lord say so
Sing of His promises ever more
Pour out your thankfulness let it overflow
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so

Verse 2

There is joy in the morning
Springing up in my soul
There is life worth living
'Cause He calls me His own
And there's a hallelujah
After sweet victory

Pre-Chorus

And there's no sound louder than a captive set free
No there's no sound louder than a captive set free

Bridge

(Oh) You are my Deliverer
The freedom I'm livin' in
(God) You are my Deliverer
You are my promised land

Ending

And I'll never be alone anymore
How could my voice be quiet
You're my Deliverer
You're my Deliverer

I WILL TRUST MY SAVIOUR, JESUS

Verse 1

I will trust my Saviour Jesus
When my darkest doubts befall
Trust him when to simply trust him
Seems the hardest thing of all

Verse 2

I will trust my Saviour Jesus
Trust him when my strength is small
For I know the shield of Jesus
Is the safest place of all

Chorus

Jesus only Jesus
Help me trust you more and more
Jesus only Jesus
May my heart be ever yours

Verse 3

I will trust my Saviour Jesus
He has said his way is best
And I know the path he's chosen
Leads to everlasting rest

Bridge

Oh on that cross how it was seen
I can go now ever trusting
In the one who died for me
What could I bring for your gift is complete
So I trust you simply trust you Lord
With every part of me

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OHC HAPPENINGS

BLOOD DRIVE

Love your neighbor as yourself by giving blood at our next Walker Community Blood Drive happening Tuesday, January 9, 2:00 PM-6:30 PM in the Orchard Hill lobby. Sign up at: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/157650

GIVING STATEMENTS

Your 2023 Giving Statements will be emailed to you in the next couple of weeks. If your email address has changed, please let the church office know so we can get your statement to you in a timely manner.

GIVING ENVELOPES

If you regularly use giving envelopes for your tithes and offerings, your 2024 envelopes will be in your membership mailbox before January 7.

STEPHEN MINISTERS EVENT

SAVE THE DATE! Come enjoy an evening out at Orchard Hill Church for a Stephen Ministry event on January 25, 2024 at 6:30 PM. Jennifer Prins from Oasis will be presenting on the transition we face in life as we walk through aging, independence, to senior living, and needing care.