

**Hymn - "Wherever Two or More Are Gathered"**

Chorus

*Wherever two or more are gathered,  
Wherever two or more are gathered,  
Wherever two or more are gathered,  
I will be there*

Verse 1

*I was there in the beginning,  
I'll be with you til the end.  
You are all my children.  
You are all my friends.  
Yes, I'm the one who called you;  
This is what I want you to do:  
Love each other as I have loved you.*

Chorus

**Hymn No. 319 - "Shout to the North"**

*1 Men of faith, rise up and sing  
of the great and glorious King.  
You are strong when you feel weak;  
in your brokenness, complete.*

*2 Rise up, women of the truth.  
Stand and sing to broken hearts  
who can know the healing power  
of our awesome King of love.*

*3 Rise up, church, with broken wings;  
fill this place with songs again  
of our God who reigns on high;  
by God's grace again we'll fly.*

**Hymn - "10,000 reasons"**

Chorus

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship God's holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name*

Verse 1

*The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes*

Verse 2

*I will teach you about giving,  
I will teach you to forgive.  
I will teach you about living,  
I will show you what love is.  
Yes, I'm the one who called you;  
This is what I want you to do:  
Love each other as I have loved you.*

Chorus

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*Shout to the north and the south;  
sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all,  
Lord of heaven and earth.*

Bridge:

*We've been through fire;  
we've been through rain;  
we've been refined by the power of your name.  
We've fallen deeper in love with you.  
You've burned this truth on our lips.*

Chorus

Verse 3

*And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore*

Chorus

Chorus

Verse 2

***You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find***

### **1 Samuel 3:1-10**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

### **2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

### **Litany of Farewell**

Scott: On August 13th, 2018 the congregation of State College Presbyterian Church hired Allison Maus as Associate in Ministry for College Age and Young Adult Ministries. Then, on June 27th, 2021 the congregation voted to call Allison Maus to become the Designated Associate Pastor. Pastor Allison came at a time of transition in the life of the church, and all were grateful for her courage and sense of call in coming to SCPC.

Allison: I thank State College Presbyterian Church, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last twelve and a half years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**People: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to pursue your call in a different place. We pray that you will be aware of the Spirit's guidance on your journey. We**

**express gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will be long-lasting.**

Allison: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our parting is pleasing to God.

Scott: Do you, the members and friends of State College Presbyterian Church, release Allison from the duties of Pastor?

**People: We do, with the help of God.**

Scott: Do you offer your encouragement for her as she departs our church family?

**People: We do, with the help of God.**

Scott: Do you, Allison, release this congregation from turning to you as pastor?

Allison: I do, with the help of God.

Scott: Do you offer your encouragement for their continued ministry here and for the relationship with others who will come to serve?

Allison: I do, with the help of God.

Scott: Let us pray:

**All: God of grace, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes, disappointments, and accomplishments. Confirm in us these treasured memories, even as we move in new directions, until that promised time when we will be completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**