

IN THE LITTLE MOMENTS

In the little moments
In the in between
In the cracks in the sidewalks
In the miracle of green shoots
Peeking through to smile at you
Where life has never been easy
Breezes in the trees can remind you

God is, God has always been, and God will always be in the ordinary

In the little moments
In the laughter of a child
In hair plastered to her face
As she goes dashing wildly
Through springy fields, wings revealed,
Butterflies and bare feet,
Muddy footprints in the kitchen may remind me

God is, God has always been, and God will always be in the ordinary

In the stack of dishes, in the clothes piled in the hall
In the whisper of a loved one, in the bitter tears that fall
In the sunlight, in the shadow, in the days as they unwind
In the minutes that unfold themselves into a whole lifetime

God is, God has always been, and God will always be in the ordinary

Lyrics: Greg Yoder, 2023

Music: Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Nichole Barrows, Kristina Yoder

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BEFORE YOU FORMED THE HIGHEST MOUNTAINS

Before You formed the highest mountains
Before You poured out the waters of the sea
Before You spoke and You created
You were and forever will be

Before You formed the ground beneath us
Before You called us, called us each by name
Before You breathed Your breath into us
You were and You never change, You never change

You are Maker of the universe, and Savior of our souls
Liberator and our Creator, the One who makes us whole
There is not a place that we can be that Your love isn't waiting patiently
Maker of the universe, Savior of our souls

Before You formed the ground beneath us
Before You called us, called us each by name
Before You breathed Your breath into us
You were and You never change, You never will change

Holy, Holy One
Holy God, Three in One
Who was, and is, and is to come
Holy, Holy, Holy

Lyrics: Seth Thomas Crissman, 2023

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman, 2023

Vocals: Lauren Yoder, Mitchell Yoder, Kristina Yoder

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GIVE US YOUR LABOR IN OUR HANDS

I don't know if we're ready
I don't know if we're strong
But I know that Jesus can steady any
Rocky boat and make the waters calm

Jesus, make us ready
Teach us what You'd have us do
Jesus, give us courage
To work like You

Give us Your work
Teach us how to work Your land
Give us Your work
Give us Your labor in our hands

Lyrics: Greg Yoder, 2023

Music: Greg Yoder, 2023

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I WILL GIVE YOU REST

Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Lyrics: direct quotation of Matthew 11:28, 30

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman, 2023

Vocals: Nichole Barrows

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GOD, I FEEL OVERWHELMED

God, I'm way down again,
tryin' to pull myself up, pull myself up,
These bootstraps are wearin' thin,
and I think they might bust, think they might bust
People say you help those who help themselves, but I
Am tearin' at the seams, fixing stitches in my dreams each night

God, I'm spread way too thin,
in pretty deep, in pretty deep,
Muscles worn, bone-tired again,
but can't seem to sleep, can't seem to sleep
Walking on a line weighs heavy on a mind made tough
God, I am afraid, I don't know if I have faith enough

God, I feel overwhelmed,
just tryin' to keep up, tryin' to keep up,
Wish that I could rest my eyes,
but I can't seem to, I can't seem to
No room for a mistake, can't figure out a way to stop
God, I am afraid, I know I don't have faith enough

Lyrics: Seth Thomas Crissman and Greg Yoder, 2023

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman and Taylor Bess, 2023

Vocals: Taylor Bess, Valerie Bess

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COME, YE SINNERS

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of mercy, love and pow'r

Come ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me and call me His own
In the arms of my dear Savior
My restless soul will find a home

Come, ye weary, heavy laden
Come, ye burdened, and alone
Look, a river, living water
Flowing out of rock and stone

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me and call me His own
In the arms of my dear Savior
My restless soul will find a home

Lyrics: verses - J. Hart, 1759, alt.; chorus - Anonymous/traditional

Music: The Walking Roots Band, 2023

Vocals: Ebony Nicole, chorus: Nichole Barrows, Perry Blosser, Seth Crissman, Jackson Maust, Greg Yoder, Kristina Yoder, Lauren Yoder, Mitchell Yoder, Melody Zimmerman

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EACH MORNING BRINGS

Each morning brings us fresh outpoured
The loving kindness of the LORD
It ends not as the day goes past
But gives us strength while life shall last

It gives us strength for God's own will
That we may love and follow still
'Til evening's sun is sinking low
And we have further yet to go

To go and show God's love we're called,
For we are the hands and feet that walk;
So walk, whether night or brightest day,
That we might always—come what may—
Be Jesus' feet and Jesus' hands,
Through waters high, over sun-parched lands,
Carrying the peace of God's kingdom
And the love we see when the morning comes

Lyrics: verse 1 - Johannes Zwick, 1536; verses 2-4 - Greg Yoder, 2015

Music: Greg Yoder, 2015

Vocals: Jackson Maust, Mitchell Yoder, Kristina Yoder

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LET THERE BE LIGHT

In the beginning
In the beginning, God created
In the beginning, God created
the heavens and the earth, the heavens and the earth

Now the earth was formless and empty,
darkness was over the surface of the deep,
and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said,
“Let there be light,”
and there was light.

God said, “Let there be light,” separated the day from the night,
And the water from the sky, and the water from the dry land,
I can't understand, but I definitely agree it was good
Writing this verse while I walk through the wood
And the leaves are good, and the trees are good,
And I step into the meadow, where the bees are good
Collectors of nectar, buzzing 'bout the hive
Take a breath, take it in, you're alive
And the birds go on by, and my words wanna fly, and search the sky
'Cause I can't sing your praises enough
Before there was anything, God was
I can't sing your praises enough
Before there was anything, God was

Lyrics: direct quotation of Genesis 1:1-3, with verse by Greg Yoder, 2023

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman, 2023

Vocals: Greg Yoder, Ebony Nicole, Kristina Yoder, Mitchell Yoder

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BECAUSE OF JESUS

When we listen for God at the start of the day
Let us do what we do because of Jesus
We're following Jesus, who taught us to pray
Let us do what we do because of Jesus

When we take good care of our bodies and minds
Let us do what we do because of Jesus
We can make good use of God's gifts and God's time
Let us do what we do because of Jesus

When we make a mistake or get hurt by a friend
Let us do what we do because of Jesus
The forgiveness of Jesus knows no end
Let us do what we do because of Jesus

When we see friends and strangers who are in need
Let us do what we do because of Jesus
Jesus shows us the way, let us follow His lead
Let us do what we do because of Jesus

Lyrics: Mitchell Yoder, Seth Thomas Crissman, and Greg Yoder, 2023

Music: Mitchell Yoder and Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Nichole Barrows, Ben Luna, Lauren Yoder, Mitchell Yoder, chorus: Perry Blosser, Jackson Maust, Ebony Nicole, Carol Tobin, Greg Yoder, Melody Zimmerman

TEACH ME, O LORD

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.
Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

Lyrics: direct quotation of Psalm 119:33-37

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman and Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Greg Yoder, Lauren Yoder, Kristina Yoder, Ebony Nicole

Call Us Home

You will search for your sheep
Mountain high and valley deep
And You will find us, You will find us in our doubt
From our fear You will carry us out

You will search for Your sheep
For the Shepherd does not sleep
You will find us, You will find us in the thorn
You have known us, You have loved us from before we were born

Call us home, call us home

You will search for Your sheep
For the Shepherd does not sleep
You will find us, You will find us where we are
Torn and tattered, broken, battered, scared and scattered far

Call us home, call us home,
You are the Shepherd of the hungry and alone
Call us home, call us home
You will not leave us, for we are Your own
Call us home

Lyrics: Seth Thomas Crissman and Greg Yoder, 2023

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman and Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Lauren Yoder, Ebony Nicole, Nichole Barrows, Kristina Yoder, Greg Yoder

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YOU FIRST LOVED US

It's just a start
A fluttering of the heart
The tiniest bud on a tree
that becomes a leaf
The first sign of spring
The moment when everything
that was holding its breath can breathe again
With a sigh of relief

In the winter's doubt
In our empty and desolate place
our souls cry out
to see Your face

You are in the spring's first rain
Laughing wind and growing grain
Mighty waves and solid stone
You are hope, You are home
You are in each rising day
Every morning Your grace remains
We sing Your love because
You first loved us

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The mountainside
Painted on canvas high above
Where oranges and reds collide
With the blue of the morn
We lift our eyes
And follow the sun, who rises
To curtsy and twirl and glide
Like she has every day since the world was born

In the coming dawn
In our hopes and our dreams and all our days
our souls cry on
and sing Your praise

You are in the spring's first rain
Laughing wind and growing grain
Mighty waves and solid stone
You are hope, You are home
You are in each rising day
Every morning Your grace remains
We sing Your love because
You first loved us

Lyrics: Seth Thomas Crissman and Greg Yoder, 2023
Music: Seth Thomas Crissman and Greg Yoder, 2023
Vocals: Mitchell Yoder, Jackson Maust, Kristina Yoder

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NOW THE DAY IS OVER

Now the day is over,
night is drawing nigh;
shadows of the evening
steal across the sky.

Jesus, give the weary
calm and sweet repose;
with your tend'rest blessing
may our eyelids close.

Comfort ev'ry suff'rer
watching late in pain;
Give courage to your laborers
That we may rise again

When the morning wakens,
then may we arise
Sure and strong and ready
in your holy eyes.

Lyrics: S. Baring-Gould, 1865, alt.

Music: Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Ebony Nicole

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SUN OF MY SOUL

Sun of my soul, O Savior dear,
it is not night if you are near;
O, may no earthborn cloud arise,
to hide you from my eyes.

Be near to bless me when I wake,
'ere through the world your way I take;
abide with me, till in your love
I lose myself in heav'n above

Abide with me from morn till eve,
for without you I cannot live;
abide with me when night is nigh,
when night is nigh

Be near to bless me when I wake
'ere through the world your way I take;
abide with me, till in your love
I lose myself in heav'n above

Lyrics: John Keble, 1820, alt.

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman and Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Ben Luna, Nichole Barrows, and Ebony Nicole

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LOVE MUST BE SINCERE

Love must be sincere.

Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Be devoted to one another in love.

Honor one another above yourselves.

Never be lacking in zeal,
but keep your spiritual fervor,
serving the Lord.

Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.
Share with the Lord's people
who are in need.
Practice hospitality.

Lyrics: direct quotation of Romans 12:9-21

Music: Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Mitchell Yoder, Lauren Yoder

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MORE THAN CONQUERORS

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels,

nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Lyrics: direct quotation from Romans 8:37-39

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman and Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Ben Luna, Kristina Yoder, Mitchell Yoder

SHOUT FOR JOY

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Lyrics: direct quotation of Psalm 100:1-3

Music: Jonathan Crissman and Seth Thomas Crissman, 2021

Vocals: Jackson Maust, students of Redeemer Classical School

WITH THANKSGIVING

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Lyrics: direct quotation of Psalm 100:4-5

Music: Jonathan Crissman and Seth Thomas Crissman, 2021

Vocals: Ebony Nicole, Nichole Barrows, Melody Zimmerman

DO NOT BE OVERCOME

Do not be overcome by evil
But overcome evil with good.

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Lyrics: direct quotation of Romans 12:21 and Matthew 5:44

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman and Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Ben Luna, Mitchell Yoder, Greg Yoder

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS

Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation,
by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.

Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation,
by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.

And the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is noble,
whatever is right, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—
if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—
think about such things.

And the God of peace will be with you.

Lyrics: direct quotation of Philippians 4:6-9

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman, 2023

Vocals: Seth Crissman, Kristina Yoder

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JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed His beams around me.

In the cross, in the cross may my glory be!
May my soul be revived by the healing stream
Fruitful trees whose leaves are for healing
Grow on the bank of the stream
that flows from Calvary.

Near the cross! O lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me.

Lyrics: Fanny Crosby, 1869 with chorus by Seth Thomas Crissman and Greg Yoder, 2023

Music: William Howard Doane (1800s), with chorus by Seth Thomas Crissman and Greg Yoder, 2023

Vocals: Rachel Mast, Jackson Maust, Kristina Yoder

YOU WILL GO OUT IN JOY

You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,

and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.

You will go out in joy
You will go out in joy
You will go out in joy

Lyrics: direct quotation of Isaiah 55:12 (NIV)

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman, 2023

Vocals: Jackson Maust, Kristina Yoder, Greg Yoder

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FOR YOUR GOODNESS AND YOUR MERCY

For Your goodness and Your mercy, we will sing
For Your goodness and Your mercy, we will sing
Each breath, a hallelujah
Each song, our offering
For Your goodness and Your mercy, we will sing

For the turning of the seasons, we sing praise
For the turning of the seasons, we sing praise
Every frost, a benediction
Every dew, a warm embrace
For the turning of the seasons, we sing praise

Through the shadow of the valley, we'll sing on
Through the shadow of the valley, we'll sing on
And the wind that gently beckons
Is the whisper of Your dawn
Through the shadow of the valley, we'll sing on

For Your goodness and Your mercy, we will sing
For Your goodness and Your mercy, we will sing
Each breath, a hallelujah
Each song, our offering
For Your goodness and Your mercy, we will sing

Lyrics: Seth Thomas Crissman, Greg Yoder, and Lindsey FitzGerald, 2023

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman, 2022

Vocals: Lauren Yoder, Mitchell Yoder, Kristina Yoder

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SO THE LAST WILL BE FIRST

So the last will be first,
and the first will be last.

Lyrics: direct quotation of Matthew 20:16

Music: Seth Thomas Crissman, 2023

Vocals: Seth Crissman

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