



August 25, 2024 - 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I Feel Like Traveling On
Standing in the Need of Prayer
He Knows Just What I Need
Sweeter as the Days Go By

SPECIAL MUSIC

Questions
Joshua Wortham

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139: 1-18

MESSAGE

Knowing God in Reason
Pastor Nathan Decker

Having trouble seeing the screen? Just ask an usher for a copy of today's large print song lyrics.

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FRESH START SERVICE

August 25, 2024—8:30 AM



Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor.

WORSHIP MUSIC

All the People Said Amen

Glory to God Forever

Sing

Who You Say I Am

This is Amazing Grace

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Tom McHugh, Liturgist

People: We come broken.

Leader: This is a story of hope.

People: We come fearful.

Leader: This is a story of peace.

People: We come cynical.

Leader: This is a story of liberation.

People: We come empty.

Leader: Listen for the story of life.

* Opening Prayer²

Jesus, Carpenter of our hearts, you who nail our sin and cut away our pride: rehab our meeting this morning. Level our thoughts in Your Kingdom. Square the Mission into our agenda so that you again stand out as the cornerstone, for our church is falling apart. We sink in sands of disrespect, and we are tearing each other apart with crow-bar words. Measure us among your people again through the carpenter's son, Jesus, Amen.

* Hymn No. 419

I Am Thine, O Lord

* Affirmation of Faith No. 881

* Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Why We Give

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Organist

* Doxology No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer & 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 evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Hymn No. 420

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

Special Music

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 139: 1-18

UMH

Message

Knowing God in Reason

Rev. Nathan Decker

* Hymn No. 395

Take Time to Be Holy

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

* *Please stand as you are able.* **Bold print indicates a response in unison.**

¹ Worship and Song Resources, pg. 32, No. 73. Cheryl Lawrie

² <https://worshipwake.wordpress.com/2015/02/23/prayer-for-our-church-carpenter-image/>

The Altar Flowers are given by Cathy Epps to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Mike and Rachel Epps, and for her father's 100th birthday.

Calendar

August 25, 2024 – September 1, 2024

Today: August 25

8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM
8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship- DFH
9:45 AM Bridge Worship- Sanctuary
Sun Sch PreK-107
Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
Adult SS-Various
Youth Sunday School
10:30 AM Small Group Leadership
Workshop- DFH
11:00 AM Traditions Worship-
Sanctuary
4:00 PM No Youth Activities

Mon: August 26- *Church Office Closed*

9:00 AM Stephen Leaders-116
6:00 PM NO Strum & Smile

Tues: August 27

3:00 PM Rest Stop-Annex

Wed: August 28

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
6:00 PM Cub Scouts- 226

Thurs: August 29

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor

Fri: August 30

Sat: August 31

Next Sunday: September 1

8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM
8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship- DFH
9:45 AM Bridge Worship-Sanctuary
Sun Sch PreK-107
Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
Adult SS-Various
Youth Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditions Worship-
Sanctuary
1:30 PM Key Club Meeting-116
4:00 PM No Youth Activities

Sunday Worship Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
Sept. 1	Making Disciples As We Go	Matthew 28:19-20 & Mark 5:1-20 CEB
Sept. 8	Three Questions to Answer	Matthew 5:13-16 CEV

*We are truly blessed if you are a guest who has chosen to worship with us today!
First-time guests are invited to pick up a blue Welcome Bag from the Atrium or
Narthex. Thank you for celebrating the Lord with us today!*

Our Assistant Parish Nurse, Pat Baake, is available today, 9:00 AM, Room 105.

Interested in Becoming a Church Member? Today, 9:20 AM, 10:20 AM, Parlor. Have you been feeling a nudge from God about joining Chester United Methodist Church, but are unsure how to become a member? Come chat with our New Member Secretary, Beth Stewart, in the Parlor. Beth will talk about the new member process and answer questions you may have. Pastor Nathan has named Sunday, **Sept 8, "New Disciple Sunday"**, where new members can join at whichever worship service they attend. Stop by the Parlor to get your questions answered or email your questions to bethstew@gmail.com.

Chesterfield County Fair: August 23-31. Make a difference and spread joy in our community! We invite all adults to volunteer. CUMC will be financially compensated for our volunteer hours while seizing the opportunity to connect with our community in a positive way. What a great fundraising event for our Church.

To sign up, use this QR code. POC: Stacy Ferrer ssfva@comcast.net



Church Picnic: Sunday, September 8, 12:00 PM. All are invited to join us immediately following the 11:00 AM Worship Service. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Joshua Wortham's 20th Anniversary at CUMC. It will also be New Disciple Sunday, where we welcome and celebrate those who have recently joined our Church family. Fried chicken and beverages will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and your lawn chairs to dine and fellowship together on the Parsonage Lawn. Food will be set up in the Fellowship Hall along with tables for those who choose not to go outside. POC: Susan Petrey, 938-5396

Bible Presentations: Sunday, September 15, Bibles will be given out to Kindergarten and Third Graders. Please add your child's name and grade level in the pew pad today so they may receive a bible during the Worship Services.

Kid's Koinonia Communion Training: Sunday, September 15, 4:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. First through fourth grade children. A time of art, craft, experience, and growth. Kids will have time with Pastor Nathan exploring how God loves us through bread, juice, and Jesus. On *Sunday, October 6*, during Communion at the Fresh Start Worship Service, the kids will assist serving the congregation the bread and cup. *Please register your children in the pew pad today* or contact the Church Office at office@chesterumc.org.

Church Office Closure: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, August 26 in observance of Women's Equality Day.

Strum and Smile will not be meeting until further notice. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

KEEP IN PRAYER: The family of Keith Woods; Summer Lannan; Terry Wortham; Teresa Morgan; The family of Karen Evans; Cindy Webb, Wayne & Ginny Virag; Gary Williams; Dee Watkins; Deborah Napolitano; Mary Luther; Sheila Russ; Marie Perdue; Carol Davis; Barbara & Buck Dance; Bill Lyon; Karen Cole; Sharon Buchanan; Charles Cressell; Harold Worcester; Debra Harms; Gwen Byer; Bill Johnson; Kevan Spiers; Casey Jones and Family; Mary Ann Bellamy; Elizabeth Cave; Dick Weis; Penny Creed; Bryan Manna; Joe & Diane Manna; Summer Vaughn; Margie Donald; Lynda Richardson; Sandra Cherny; Mary Tyree; Ken Farmer; Susie Hall; Ella Hilton; Jo Kiser; Erika Hilton.

Our Presence on August 18, 2024

8:30 AM Fresh Start..... 105
9:45 AM Bridge Worship..... 42
11:00 AM Traditions..... 132
Online..... 45
Total Worship Attendance..... 324

CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Website:** www.chesterumc.org.
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/>.
- **Facebook Closed Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/>.
- **Instagram:** [Instagram.com/chesterumc](https://www.instagram.com/chesterumc)
- **Daily Email News:** Visit <http://eepurl.com/blV9Tv> to subscribe.
- **Daily Devotionals from Pastor Nathan:** <https://www.facebook.com/BetterTogether.Devos/>.
- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/ChesterUMC>.
- **Prayer Chain Email:** to subscribe or to submit a prayer request, email Michelle at office@chesterumc.org with “Prayer Chain” or “Prayer Request” in the subject line.
- **CUMC Library Catalog:** <https://16538.rmwebopac.com> (password: CUMC). Search for titles, peruse our inventory, and much more. POC: Ron Dombrowski rmachachi@aol.com.
- **The Chimes** – Submit items to assistant@chesterumc.org no later than the 3rd Wednesday of January, March, May, July, *September*, and November.

Leading Our Worship Today, August 25, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:45	Donna Nunery	
	11:00	Sharon Buchanan, Betty Labin	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer	* Head Usher
	9:45	Linda D’Agostino*, Kim Young	
	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Jeff Marlin, Joan Osborne, Steve Osborne, Don Schmidt	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

Join Our Small Groups and Ministries: We invite everyone to join our small groups and ministries. Come grow with us and connect with other disciples! Use the QR code or link to sign up or to get more information on small groups that you want to learn more about. One of our small group coordinators will contact you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090545AEAF2CA3FA7-50725972-small#/>

POCs: Beth Stewart bethstew@gmail.com or Marg Kutz margkutz72@gmail.com



Youth Mission Trip: Harvest of Hope! September 27 –29. We are headed to Lynchburg to be a part of the Harvest for Hope Ministry! The cost is \$150 per person. Meals and lodging are included. Scholarships are available. Use this link: <https://endhunger.org/hoh/>.

POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Dinner for Six or Eight is a great opportunity to get to know fellow churchgoers. You do not have to be a member of CUMC. Couples and singles gather once a month from September through November and January. If interested, *sign up today in the pew pad*. Please indicate if you are willing to host. POC: Mary Musselwhite, 804-330-001



Walk 4 Water: Sunday, October 20. Three Leg Brewery, 4418 W Hundred Road. Check-in at 9:30 AM, walk begins at 10:00 AM. Plan your next mission project. Our two-mile walk will help to raise funds to drill boreholes for the village of Kinawampiti, Uganda. Providing them with clean safe water allows these children to attend school and prevents illness and disease for the entire village. Click on the QR code to register and receive a

Walk 4 Water t-shirt and access to your own fundraising page. If you are not able to participate in the walk you can make a donation to support this life-changing mission!

POC: Sonja Seward sonjaseward@yahoo.com

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, September 1, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Bill & Karen Comer	
	9:45	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Marian Perkinson	
Ushers:	8:30	Wendell Landis*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Usher
	9:45	Herb McCulloch*, Scott Pugh	
	11:00	Will Herrmann*, Harold Crowder, Bob Kutz, Geoff LeSueur, Tom Petrey	
Communion	8:30	Paige Irving, Kinsley Johnston	
	9:45	Dawn Hall, Cornelia DeWitt	
	11:00	Colton Kasky, Lilly Freiin von Ketelhodt	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

Children's Sunday School, KIDZ ZONE: 9:45 AM. Pre-K (Rm. 107); Grades K-5 (Rm. 206)
Come join our Kidz Zone Ministry. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org.

Adult Small Group Bible Study: 9:45 AM, Room 213 "Our Pad" facilitated by
Jeff Marlin jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com.

Fresh Start Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Room 221. Continuing through Labor Day, *From Jesus to Constantine*, by Professor Bart D. Ehrman. All are welcome. POC: Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396.

Friendship Ministry Class: 10:40 AM, Room 116, for adults who are developmentally challenged. POC: Mari and Dan Hayes JLMinNaples@msn.com

The Gathering Small Group: 9:45 AM, Room 205. Will resume in September. Join with other young families for a time of study and fellowship.
POC: Brion & Sonja Seward 1bseward@comcast.net, /Andrew Brummette.

Journey Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet, Join by video link:
<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>. The Journey Group is going to take a break August 11-September 1. We will reconvene September 8.
POCs: Carolyn Landis landisfamily05@gmail.com and Eric Houglund ehouglund88@gmail.com

Seekers Sunday School Class: 9:40 AM, Room 226. Join us as we study the book, *The Ten Commandments From The Backside*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas, from May 19-Aug. 4. All adults are welcome. POC: Gordon Jones JONESGJ215@gmail.com

Senior Singles Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Parlor. Will resume in September.
POC: Cynthia Corley cacorley@ctsi.net

Middle & High School, Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Annex Loft. The schedule will vary during the summer. Grades 6-12. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Middle & High School: 4:00 PM, Annex Loft. Resumes in August. Grades 6-12. Bring your friends! POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Bridge Builders: Meets 2nd Sundays, 12:15 PM, Room 116. Join us as we pursue ways to build bridges of acceptance for our neighbors who do not look, think, speak or pray like us.
POC: Maureen Coker mcoker2003@comcast.net

United Methodist Men: If you are seeking to give and receive fellowship, mentorship, service to Church and community, and study The Word of God with other men. POC: Brion Seward 1bseward@comcast.net

OTHER SMALL GROUPS

Faith Keepers Women's Prayer Group: Mondays, 9:00 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Sherri Morris smorris787@aim.com

Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group: 3rd Mondays, 2:00 PM, Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village Drive).

Joy Singers: Tuesdays, 10:30 AM, Music Suite. Resumes September 17. Rehearsals for our retired folks. This group sings for local nursing home residents and community groups. POC: Joshua Wortham. music@chesterumc.org

Chancel Choir Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7:00 PM. Resumes September 11. Singers of all skill levels are welcome to join! POC: Joshua Wortham music@chesterumc.org

Handbells: Wednesdays, 5:45 PM, Sanctuary; Resumes September 18. For Adults. POC: Joshua Wortham music@chesterumc.org

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study: Thursdays, 7:30 AM at Grants Coffee Co., 11884 Chester Village Drive. POC: Gordon Morris gordo15458@aim.com

Contemplative Prayer Group: Thursdays, 11:00 AM, Trinity UMC. Resumes in the Fall. Read scripture, pray, chat, connect with God. POC: Lisa Stanfield: lisajostanfield@gmail.com

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Thursdays, 1:30 PM. Join us at a local restaurant for good food and conversation. POC: Joan Osborne josbor61@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Group: Thursdays, 1:30 PM, Parlor, or work on your project at home. All are invited to join us! We can provide yarn and will happily teach you how to knit or crochet. POCs: Beverly Trevillian (804) 337-2367; Betty Stone (804) 914-0433 wva_lady@verizon.net

Women's Christian Book Club: 1st Thursdays, 6:30 PM, CUMC Parlor. Next meeting is September 5. Our August book is, *The Potluck Club; Trouble's Brewing, (Book 2)*, by Shepard & Everson. POC: Jennifer Brame jrbrooksiee@gmail.com

Kidz Zone Night: 3rd Saturdays, 6:00 PM, Join us for food and a variety of fun activities! POC: Charlotte Brummette Charl208@yahoo.com

United Methodist Women (UMW) is to “be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

- **The Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, September 9, 7:00 PM, Room 205. We will put together Birthday Cake Kits for our CUMC food pantry. Call Susan Petrey for details.
- **The Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship** will meet Thursday, September 12, 10:30 AM. Call Martha Miles, 804-748-5476, for details.
- **Salad Luncheon:** All Women of the Church are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW Sunday, October 13 immediately following 11:00 AM worship. Speaker TBA. Bring a salad or dessert to share. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host.

Call Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

Bridge Builders: Meets 2nd Sunday, 12:15 PM, 116. Next meeting is September 8. Are you a disciple who believes God is calling you on a journey of racial justice and reconciliation? To build relationships in the community promoting understanding, compassion and togetherness? Join us as we pursue ways to build bridges of acceptance for our neighbors who do not look, think, speak or pray like us. “Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God”-Micah 6:8. POC: Maureen Coker mcoker2003@comcast.net

Bridge Builders Jail Ministry: As part of our mission to make change in the community, Bridge Builders has a Jail Ministry with the Chesterfield County Jail HARP program (Helping Addicts Recover Progressively). A team of volunteers goes to the jail the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month, facilitating a book study. These men have shared joys, sorrows, dreams and talents such as poetry, music, songs and stories, enriching the lives of the men as well as the volunteers! Become a volunteer by submitting paperwork for access into the jail, writing to the men, providing monetary donations for study books and praying for the men in the HARP program as well as those ministering to them. POC: Maureen Coker mcoker2003@comcast.net

Rest Stop is a Chester UMC after school program designed to provide rest and encouragement to at-risk youth from Thomas Dale High School. During the school year we meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons at the Annex. Do you have a special gift to share with these young people or just an abundance of love to give? Call Susan to volunteer or to sign up to provide a meal. Make a check payable to CUMC, (memo: Rest Stop) to help cover our small expenses including gas for the church bus. You will leave REST STOP with a joyful heart, receiving more than you gave! Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Contact Rest Stop Team Leader, Susan Petrey, 804/938-5396, for more information.

Backpack Specials Alert: Kroger shoppers, using your Kroger card and digital coupons, Kroger peanut butter (16 oz.) is \$1.49; Kroger applesauce cups (6 ct) is \$1.49. Limit of 5 at this price. Food Lion shoppers, with your MVP card, Chicken Helper & Tuna Helper are 2 for \$3. All sales end on Tuesday, August 27th. Donations may be placed in the Backpack bin in the Mission closet. Thanks for helping us stock up! POC: Karen Comer kgcomer@verizon.net

Booth at VA Pride Festival - Saturday, September 14, from 12-8 PM, at Bon Secours Training Center (2401 W Leigh St.). Please cover our booth in prayer as we offer CUMC hospitality to our community. Interested in volunteering?
Contact Joshua Wortham (music@chesterumc.org)

Safe Sanctuary Training: Saturday, October 5 from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Safe Sanctuary training is for anyone that is serving with kids, youth and vulnerable adults. It aims to prevent abuse of children, youth, and vulnerable adults in group settings. Topics covered in the training include identifying potential abusers, recognizing signs of abuse, reporting abuse, screening and background checks, professional references, and more. We need all volunteers to attend to prepare for this upcoming year. If you are not able to attend in person, there will be an online class for you to take. Please RSVP to this link: <https://forms.gle/VYcursRQUSBMmB149>
POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org



Stephen Ministry: Are You Stressed? Discouraged? Feeling Down? You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. So don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers are here to care. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, call Steve Osborne at 407-921-0227.

A Place of Miracles Clothing Closet is so thankful for the many contributions. They are asking for personal hygiene items, linens, towels, diapers, and un-opened formula.
POC: Diane Merryman at dianemerryman@gmail.com, 804-586-4189.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes: A new semester will begin September 3 through November 21, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM.
POC: Pastor Nathan for more information. nathandecker@chesterumc.org

Snacks for ESL: CUMC provides snacks for adult ESL students on Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the year. We need volunteers to help. Classes begin September 3 and run through May, with semester breaks. If you can volunteer, please contact Lynn Crump lynncrumppla@gmail.com

Whaley Pecans Annual Sale by the Ladies of Faith. Orders are being taken now. Harvesting will be late October with delivery in early November. Payment can be made in advance or when picking up pecans. Proceeds earned from the pecan sale are donated to the church. *Register in the pew pad today*, or call Lorraine Young (804-748-6852) to order They are \$12.00 per pound for halves or pieces. *Please make checks payable to Ladies of Faith.*

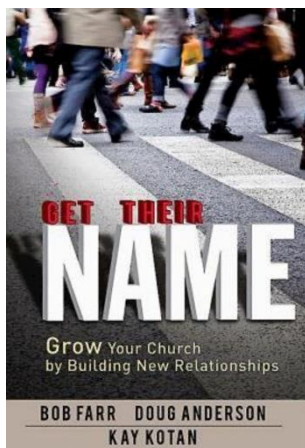


Transportation Needed: Bennie Wilkinson is in need of transportation to and from Church on Sundays. He prefers the 11:00 AM, Traditions Worship. If you can provide a ride for Bennie, please visit the link below or use the QR code to sign up. POC: Will Schmidt at 804-931-3660.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FAAAA2DA1F9C34-50214483-help#/>

Help Spread Sunday Smiles! Our Hospitality Team needs volunteers to pick up donuts and brew coffee on the second and third Sundays of each month. Interested in helping? Contact Andy & Eileen Steck andyei10twitchell@gmail.com

Texting In Church: Stay connected! Sign up and be a part of our Text Ministry, by scanning the QR code and texting the word “connect” to get important texts from CUMC about ways you can get involved as we embrace, love, and impact our community. Stay informed. You can also text the word “music” to 804-979-2922 to subscribe to the announcements about upcoming concerts at Chester UMC.



Making New Disciples: In September, our sermon series will explore how we build connections and network within our community and church. We invite you to participate in our church-wide book study of *Get Their Name*, by Farr, Anderson, & Kotan. Families are encouraged to pick up a complimentary copy of the book in the Welcome Center. If you'd like to contribute towards the cost of the books, please leave your donation in the silver box located next to the books. Donations are always appreciated but not required.

Questions

Who are You God
'Cause You are turning out to be
So much different than I imagined
And where are You God
'Cause I am finding life to be
So much harder than I had planned
You know that I'm afraid to ask these questions
But You know they are there
And if You know my heart
The way that I believe You do
You know that I believe in You
But still I have these questions
Like how could You God
How could You be so good and strong
And make a world that can be so painful
And where were You God
I know You had to be right there
I know You never turn Your head
You know that I'm confused by all this mystery
You know I get afraid
But if You know my heart
As completely as I trust You do
You know that I am trusting You
So is it true that for every tear I cry
You cry a thousand more
As You weep with those who weep
And are You just holding Yourself back
From crushing all the pain and evil in this world
For reasons we just can't understand for now
But isn't there a day of redemption coming
Redemption is coming
Come quickly Lord
Come quickly Lord
Come quickly Lord
So who am I God
That You would raise me from the dust
And breathe Your life and Your love into me
You know that I believe