

*"The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." (Exodus 34:6)*

God abounds in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Two images come to my mind:

1. The heart of God is like an inexhaustible spring of water that bubbles up love and faithfulness at the top of the mountain. Century after century the spring keeps on flowing.
2. Or the heart of God is like a volcano that burns so hot with love that it blasts the top off the mountain and flows year after year with the lava of love and faithfulness.

When God uses the word "abounding" — "abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" — he wants us to understand and feel that the resources of his love are not limited. You can drink at this mountain spring all day, year after year, generation after generation, and it never runs dry.

You might even risk saying that God is like a government that simply prints more money when there's a need. Inexhaustible, right? Well, there's a difference. God has an infinite treasury of golden love to cover all the currency he prints. The government is in a dream world. God banks very realistically on the infinite resources of his deity.

The absolute existence, the sovereign freedom, and the omnipotence of God are the volcanic fullness that explodes in an overflow of love. The sheer magnificence of God means that he does not need us to fill up any deficiency in himself. Instead his infinite self-sufficiency spills over in love to us — to sinners — who need him, and the gift of himself in Jesus.

We can bank on his love precisely because we believe in the absoluteness of his existence, the sovereignty of his freedom, and the limitlessness of his power.



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# BEHOLD the Lamb of God

## Events

### TODAY

College & Career Lunch 1 PM

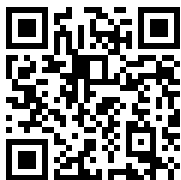
Hawfields 3 PM

10/18 Greater Vision Banquet  
6 PM

10/27 Bridal Shower for Mandy  
Holt 2 PM @ the Dill's

11/2-3 Parenting Conference,  
Paul David Tripp

### Give



### Upcoming Events



### Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

### Service Times

— Sunday School 9:30 am  
— Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am  
— Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm  
— Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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## Morning Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn  
Scripture Reading  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory  
Preparatory

Pastor Michael Lopes  
#136 Ye Servants of God  
John 11:17-37, page 897  
  
#590 Peace, Perfect Peace  
10,000 Reasons

**(Chorus)**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.**

**Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.**

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. **(Chorus)**

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. **(Chorus)**

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 forever more! **(Chorus 2x)**

**I'll worship Your holy name, I'll worship Your holy name.**

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Gary Hendrix**

## Evening Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn

Nick Gaines  
Knowing You

All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres and wars to own;  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,  
spent and worthless now compared to this.

**(Refrain) Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness,  
and I love You, Lord.**

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
to be found in You and known as Yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn, all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

**(Refrain)**

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life and to know You in Your sufferings;  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord, so with You to live and never die.

**(Refrain 2x)**

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Scripture Reading  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory

**Philippians 1:27-2:13, page 980**

**Preparatory**

**#439 Jesus Thy Blood and  
Righteousness**

**Lord, I Need You**

Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest.  
Without You I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.

**(Chorus) Lord, I need You, oh I need You. Every hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.**

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.  
Where grace is found is where You are.  
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.  
**(Chorus)**

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.  
**(Chorus)**

**You're my one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.**

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Charles Fortner**