

Bay City Wesleyan Church
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Sunday Morning 01-23-2022

The world's changed and it's acting strange, but we are not alone. The best of all is, God is with us!

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Ephesians 6:10-18 NIRV

<small>10</small> Finally, let the Lord make you strong. Depend on his mighty power. <small>11</small> Put on all of God's armor. Then you can remain strong against the devil's evil plans. <small>12</small> Our fight is not against human beings. It is against the rulers, the authorities and the powers of this dark world. It is against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly world. <small>13</small> So put on all of God's armor. Evil days will come. But you will be able to stand up to anything. And after you have done everything you can, you will still be standing. <small>14</small> So remain strong in the faith. Put the belt of truth around your waist. Put the armor of godliness on your chest. <small>15</small> Wear on your feet what will prepare you to tell the good news of peace. <small>16</small> Also, pick up the shield of faith. With it you can put out all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <small>17</small> Put on the helmet of salvation. And take the sword of the Holy Spirit. The sword is God's word. <small>18</small> At all times, pray by the power of the Spirit. Pray all kinds of prayers. Be watchful, so that you can pray. Always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

<https://bible.com/bible/110/eph.6.10-18.NIRV>

This song is a prayer of faith and hope. We will be learning it.

Battle BelongsSource: MusixmatchSongwriters: Brian Johnson / Philip David WickhamBattle Belongs lyrics © Bethel Music Publishing

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory when all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me There's nothing to fear now for I am safe with You So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high Oh God, the battle belongs to You And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night Oh God, the battle belongs to You And if You are for me, who can be against me? Yeah For Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty Thank You, God When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high Oh God, the battle belongs to You And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night Oh God, the battle belongs to You Almighty fortress, You go before us Nothing can stand against the power of our God You shine in the shadow, You win every battle Nothing can stand against the power of our God

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Psalms 138:1-8 NIV

<small>1</small> Lord, I will praise you with all my heart. In front of those who think they are gods I will sing praise to you. <small>2</small> I will bow down facing your holy temple. I will praise your name, because you are always loving and faithful. You have honored your holy word even more than your own fame. <small>3</small> When I called out to you, you answered me. You made me strong and brave. <small>4</small> Lord, may all the kings on earth praise you when they hear about what you have decided. <small>5</small> Lord, may they sing about what you have done, because your glory is great. <small>6</small> Though the Lord is high above all, he cares for the lowly. Though he is in heaven above, he sees them on earth below. <small>7</small> Trouble is all around me, but you keep me alive. You reach out your hand to put a stop to the anger of my enemies. With your powerful right hand you save me. <small>8</small> Lord, you will show that I was right to trust you. Lord, your faithful love continues forever. You have done so much for us, so don't stop now. <https://bible.com/bible/110/psa.138.1-8.NIV>

Isaiah 43:1-3 NIV

<small>1</small> But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. <small>2</small> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. <small>3</small> For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. <https://bible.com/bible/111/isa.43.1-3.NIV>

Series: The Best of All Is, God Is with Us

Series Big Idea: "Something has changed ... the world's acting strange these days." Our pastor heard this line several times in ads for an online TV series while he recovered from Covid. It sums up 2020 and 2021. "Something has changed and the world's acting strange." As a result, we need to hear Matthew's description of Jesus's life mission. "They will call him Emmanuel which means God with us." (Matthew 1:23) The world's changed and it's acting strange, but we are not alone. The best of all is, God is with us!

TODAY--

Title: Right Here! Right Now!

Text: Matthew 28:16-20

Matthew 28:16-20 NIV

16</small> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

17</small> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <font

color="#999999">18</small> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <font

color="#999999">19</small> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of

the Holy Spirit, 20</small> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am

with you always, to the very end of the age."

<https://bible.com/bible/111/mat.28.16-20.NIV>

Sermon in a Sentence:

The world's acting strange but Jesus is with us right here, right now.