



St James C of E

PARISH OF ROUNDS GREEN

Trinity 17

10am Sunday

4th October 2020



Worship Songs

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[All Creatures of Our God and King](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLMPYLM13Gw)

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Bible reading

Philippians 2 v 1-13 - New International Version (NIV)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ who, being in very nature^[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

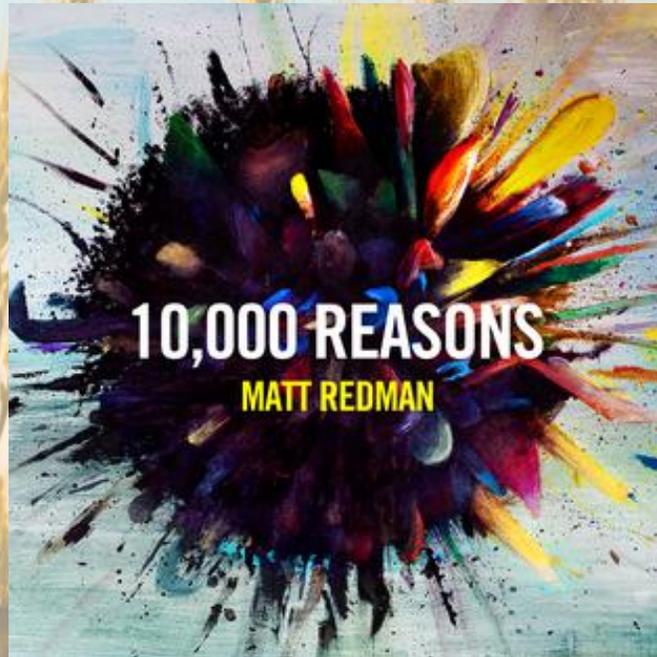
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Do everything without grumbling

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose

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[10000 Reasons](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSxocnIaN0A>



Bible reading

Galatians 5 v22-23 - New International Version (NIV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Thought for Today

Click here to see a video recording of Jill's thoughts

<https://stjamesroundsgreen.com/openingtimes/our-church-services/>

Thought for Today

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1

Harvest

I wonder if any of you have ever fancied being a farmer, especially one who grows crops. So much depends on the weather doesn't it.....and we've had some interesting weather this year!

Apparently, things like plums and apples have flourished but other crops not so much. It's either been too wet or too dry at the wrong times of the year.

I think farming must be quite a precarious way to make a living; and harvesting must be emotionally stressful; feelings either buoyant or deflated, depending on what the weather's been like in the prior months.

Nonetheless, good harvest or not, it's always right to stop and thank God for his provision to us – and the gifts we've brought today as part of that thanksgiving will go to The Women's Refuge here in our community to help others not so fortunate as ourselves.

Although, other than going to the shops to buy this produce, we didn't actually have to go out into the fields and do the hard work of harvesting it – of gathering it into the barns!

However, there is a Godly harvest which we should be gathering in, which does take a lot of hard work: and we should be working at gathering it in all year round.

Galatians 5:22 says, 'But the fruit of the Spirit (God's Holy Spirit) is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.'

This fruit, or character traits, are to be found in the nature of Jesus Christ; and if we want to be 'Jesus shaped people' we need to harvest this fruit into our characters.

And, while the fruit of the Spirit is the spontaneous work of the Holy Spirit in us, unless we focus on working to gather it into our characters, God will not see a very big harvest in the lives we live day to day.

Our God is a bounteous God, who gives extravagantly; and so he wants us to display a bumper harvest of this fruit as we go through life: and to do that we need to firmly join our lives to Jesus and give him complete control. We can't gather the fruit in by trying to do it by ourselves, without his help. We just aren't strong enough.

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2

So, how can we fertilize this fruit so that it grows in us? How can we water it? What can we do to produce a good harvest?

If we look at our verse for today carefully, we'll notice that, while there are 9 character traits, they are referred to as one fruit. You see, God wants all this fruit to blossom and grow in our lives. Unlike a farmer of real crops who can specialise in maybe just one or two varieties, we should be cultivating all the Holy Spirit's fruit, all 9 character traits: because, in truth, they are all interlinked.

That's going to take hard work!

Looking at these character traits do you think that you have, say, a bumper harvest in patience....or joy.....or self-control.....or any of them??? I know that, for me, producing a good harvest in all of these qualities is still very much a work in progress.

And, as with any work we undertake, we have to apply and focus our minds on the task before us. Giving Jesus complete control of our lives is the start of the process; but it's a process which will involve keeping the growth of these fruits to the forefront of our minds. It will involve self-awareness and self-questioning.

Like reviewing our thoughts and actions throughout the day.....was I in control of my temper in that situation.....was I kind to that person who really annoys me every time I see them.....have I been faithful in talking to Jesus today or reading my Bible today.....are my thoughts full of goodness.....was I gentle when I bathed that wound on whoever (My dad's cut head)

Sometimes we may find that our focus needs to be on one particular aspect of the fruit for a while.....or maybe even a long while!

So, for example, and I've had her permission to share this, Sandra struggles with patience when it comes to her mum. Her mum drives her doo-lally most of the time; she irritates her and frustrates her. And Sandra knows Jesus well enough to know that her attitude towards her mum, regardless of how thoughtless her mum may be towards her, needs to change drastically. She knows that when she allows her impatience to control her when she's in her mum's company the fruit of kindness is absent; joy is missing because she's so focused on her annoyance; peace walks out the back door because she knows she's not put herself under her Lord's control.....and so on: all interlinked!

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So, bless her, she's working at bringing in the harvest of patience with regard to her mum – work which will, for all of us, incorporate repentance – saying sorry to Jesus - and continually asking him to feed these fruits with his power so that a harvest is reaped.

Thank you, Sandra for allowing us to share in that because I know that some days it's a real battle for you; as it will be for all of us as we grow these fruits to a rich harvest.

They say that plants grow better if you talk to them. Talking honestly to Jesus, taking on board what he says to us in reply, will nurture, fertilize, water and produce a visible harvest of this Holy Spirit fruit.

And this is important because???????

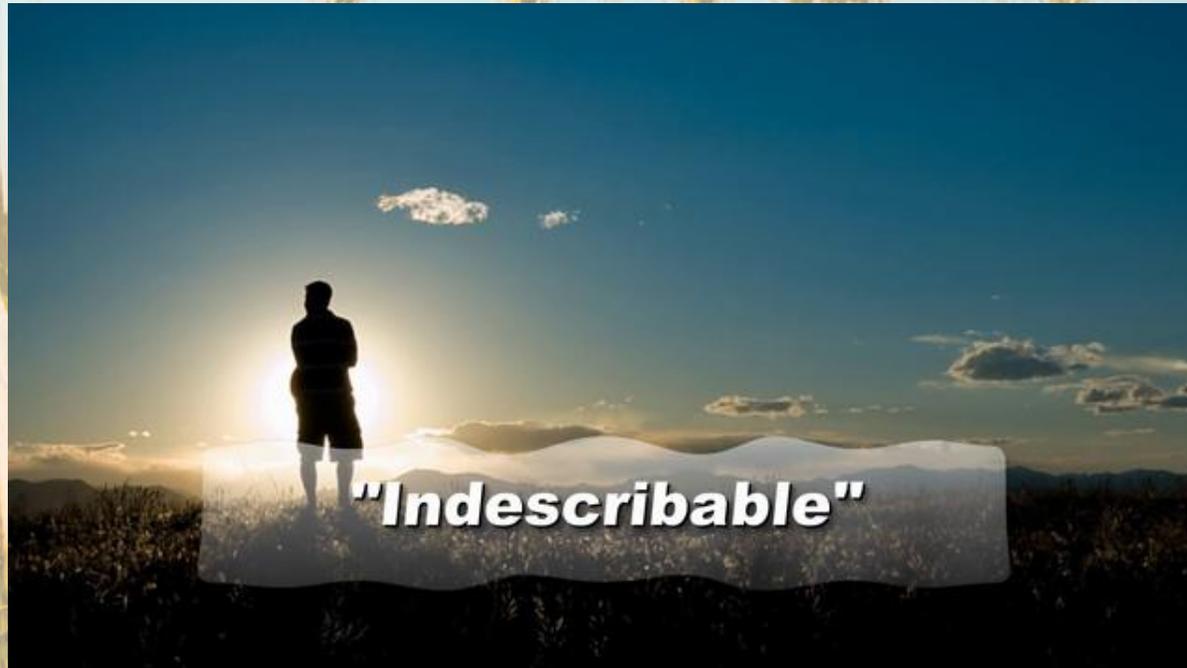
Well, three basic reasons really.

1. The more this fruit grows in us the more we glorify Jesus with our very existence.....and that should be the primary objective of our lives
2. We shall be a blessing to each other, which is a Biblical requirement
3. Our witness to the wonderful transforming grace and salvation found in Jesus Christ will be a hundredfold more effective to those around us who don't know him yet; and therefore increase the harvest gathered into heaven

Quote Galatians verse – Let's get serious about spiritual gardening!

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Prayers

1

Intercessions for Trinity 17 – Harvest

O God, Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, we praise you for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people.

We thank you for the order and constancy of nature; for the beauty and the bounty of the world; for the fruits of the earth, the harvest of the sea and for all the riches of your grace.

Accept our thanksgiving, Lord Jesus, for all your gifts to us. Amen.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer

Prayers

2

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we praise you because you continue to fulfil your promise to us that while the earth remains, seed time and harvest shall not fail. Teach us to remember that it is not by bread alone that we live but also by your Word. Help us to always remain close to Jesus, who is the true bread which came down from heaven, and who wants us to be fed and nourished in our spirits as well as our bodies. Amen.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer

Prayers

3

O God, from whose unfailing bounty we draw our life and all that we possess, forgive our pride and self-sufficiency.

Teach us to reverence the earth which you have made fruitful.

Help us to remember and thank you for all those by whose work we are fed and clothed.

Touch us with compassion for all who do not have enough to eat; and as you have given us knowledge which can produce plenty, give us too wisdom to bring it within reach of all. Amen.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer

Prayers

4

Give, O Lord, to all who are involved in farming the wisdom to understand your laws for the earth and to co-operate with your wise ordering of the world.
We ask that the bounty of the earth will not be hoarded by the selfish or squandered by the foolish; but that all who work may share abundantly in the harvest of the soil.
Amen.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer

Prayers

And, as always Lord, we silently name before you those we know who are unwell or troubled, whether in body, mind or spirit; as well as those we know who are grieving the loss of a loved one, whether it be recently or sometime in the past.....

.....may your hand be upon their lives bringing healing and wholeness for your glory. Amen.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

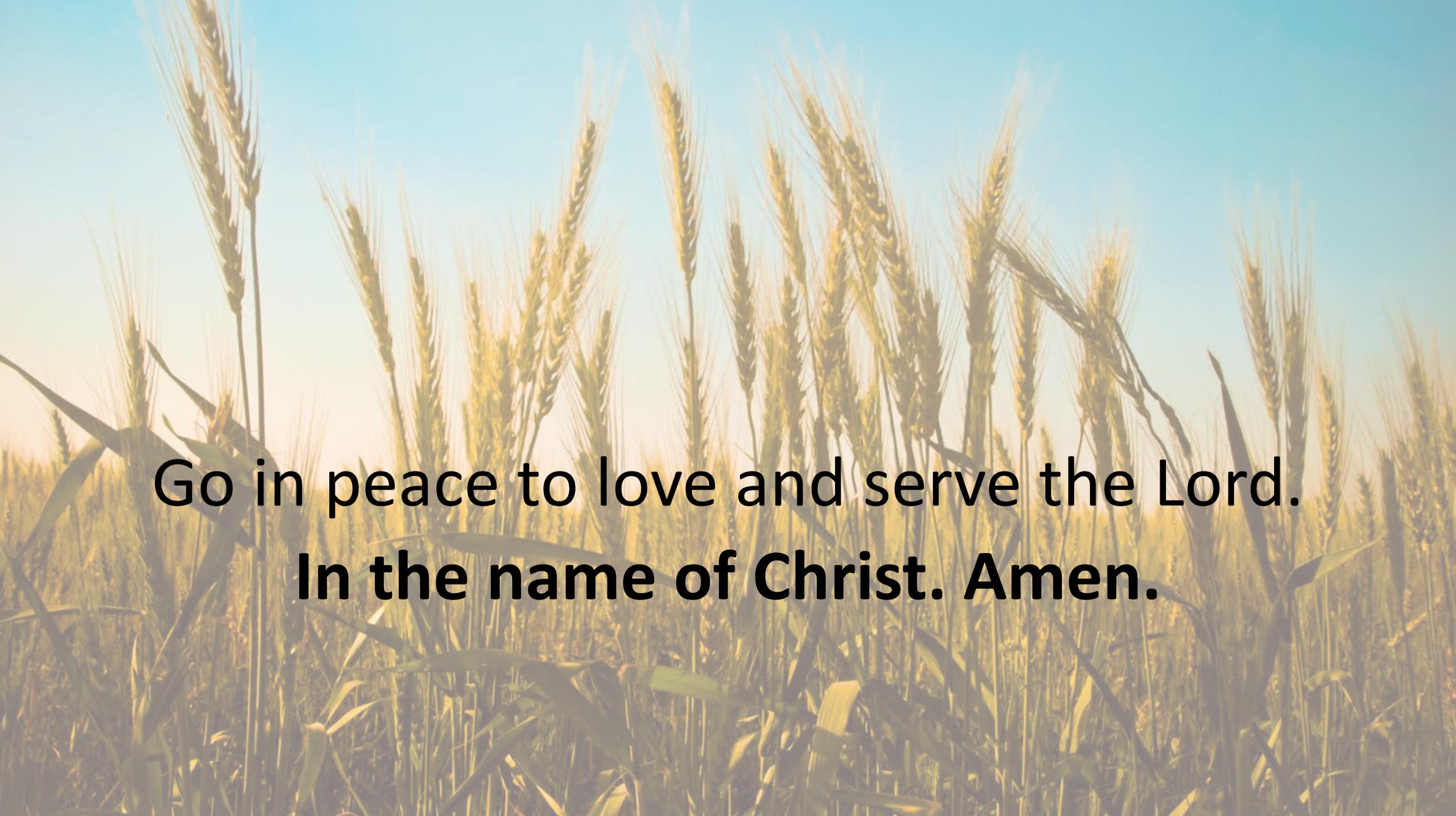
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[Praise God From Whom](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRuCjj9j8Uk>

A close-up photograph of a wheat field. The wheat stalks are golden-brown and have long, thin awns. The background is a clear, light blue sky. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

New Songs - Some we have sung a few times and others are new to us

- Living Hope <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyOJInn5SZI>
- Who You Say I Am <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcC1Bp13n> 4
- While I Wait <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkE-gEzTYJE>
- O Praise the Name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>
- Rescuer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wCfHXgJbdg>
- Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxKLnySMbYM>
- Great Things <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4CY3nf1Mvw>
- Way Maker <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29lxnsqOkmQ>
- Come To the Table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXxLwxfo0U>
- Good Good Father <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ak0OoFBw3c>
- What A Beautiful Name https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUBBlddm_rM
- Do It Again https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B_InQIITxU

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Lively Uplifting Songs - to dance around the kitchen to or bop in your chair

- Alive <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEvEVALLjNQ>
- Falling Into You <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlsthBWtxAI>
- Dance https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kkb7yf_fYDU
- This is Living <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTojDT3Ky2c>
- Real Love <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xUI7aVsQ>
- Deep Down <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIX19TfG07U>
- Backseat Driver https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kME_Q5V82Us
- Love Broke Thru <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f42ykMcndeo>
- Move <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX1G71WK-FA>

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