## See the Father Walk Among Us

TUNE: Angels, from the Realms of Glory (REGENT SQUARE)

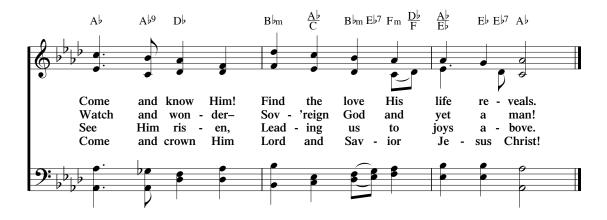


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LEAD-IN: Jesus said, "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father. I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. The words I say to you are not my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me and doing His work." (John 14:9-10, para.)

## LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **See Your Heavenly Father**

We can learn so much about our Heavenly Father through creation. We look into the night sky and glimpse His immensity. We taste His power in the storm. The days and nights and seasons remind us of His faithfulness

But knowing *about* Him is not the same as knowing *Him* personally.

*Jesus is the image of the invisible God.* (Colossians 1:15, adapted)

Jesus came and made the eternal, holy Father seeable and touchable. He was part of a family as human as yours and mine. He experienced daily life in a body, just like we do. He faced our temptations, felt our pain, endured our fatigue and hunger, and died as we die.

Yet in this human being we saw our Father, pure and at full strength, live and in person, not some watered-down imitation. We heard His timeless wisdom and saw it lived out. We witnessed the miracles of the Creator, but now up-close and personal. No stage, no curtains, no fancy lighting. Nothing between Him and us. He let us stand right in front of Him as, on a small scale, He did what our Creator does every day:

He turned water into wine.

He produced a lot of food from a very little.

He stilled storms.

He healed diseases.

We were gripped by God's unconquerable love, reaching out to forgive us even as we tortured and murdered Him.

Our God is awe-inspiring and holy, all-powerful and all-wise, unbound by matter and time, infinitely above us. Yet He is also with us. God has come to us. He is one of us. We can be as comfortable with Him as a child sleeping close to his mother.

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