

Sunday, September 27, 2020

9:30 am Service



Our Vision:
Disciples Making Disciples

Our Mission:
*Connecting to One Another in the Contagious
Joy of Following Jesus*

Theme of the Year
Love One Another As I Have Loved You

PRESERVICE THOUGHTS

Disciples share Jesus' call to seek after God's kingdom as we go out into life.

As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ~ **Jesus, Matthew 10:7**

The words of Jesus here were shared in anticipation of HIS disciples heading out into the mission field on a short-term trip. Later in ministry for these same disciples, Jesus shares directions with them for a long-term trip – the trip of a lifetime. Those words are found in Matthew 28:19-20 where He tells them to go make disciples of all nations, baptizing the next wave of disciples in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that Jesus had taught His first disciples.

At times Jesus sets up short-term discipling trips for us too. Day trips; brief encounters with people; a task here; a conversation there. But the meat of our lives as disciples is better recognized as a long-term trip, that *trip of a life-time* mentioned earlier.

PRESERVICE PRAYER

Lord Jesus, as I follow You in this life of discipleship, help me see myself primarily in relation to You and Your kingdom – and live for You above all things. Amen.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Chorus

How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Chorus*

Bridge

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God!
Name above all names, Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God! *Chorus 2X*

“You Are My King” (Amazing Love)

Verse

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
because You died and rose again. *Repeat*

Chorus

*Amazing love, how can it be
that You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
it's my joy to honor You. Repeat*

In all I do, I honor You. You are my King.
You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King. *Chorus 2X*

In all I do, I honor You.

“That's Why We Praise Him”

He came to live, live a perfect life.
He came to be the living Word, our light.
He came to die so we'd be reconciled.
He came to rise to show His pow'r and might.

Chorus

*And that's why we praise Him; that's why we sing.
That's why we offer Him our ev'rything.
That's why we bow down and worship this King,
'cause He gave His ev'rything,
'cause He gave His ev'rything.*

He came to live, live again in us.
He came to be our conq'ring King and friend.
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love.
He came to go prepare a place for us. *Chorus*

Halle, hallelujah! Halle, hallelujah!
Halle, hallelujah! Halle, hallelujah! *Chorus 2X*

'Cause He gave His ev'rything.

“Only A God Like You”

Verse

For the praises of man, I will never, ever stand;
For the kingdoms of this world,
I'll never give my heart away or shout my praise;
My allegiance and devotion,
my heart's desire and all emotion,
go to serve the Man Who died upon that tree.

Chorus

*Only a God like You could be worthy of my praise,
and all my hope and faith;
To only a King of all kings, do I bow my knee and sing,
give my ev'rything;
Only a God like You could be worthy of my praise,
and all my hope and faith;
To only a King of all kings, do I bow my knee and sing,
give my ev'rything;
To only my Maker, my Father, my Savior;
Redeemer, Restorer, Rebuilder, Rewarder;
To only a God like You, do I give my praise.*

Verse, Chorus

Only the God, Who left His throne above,
He came to live with us, came to be one of us;
To only in the One, Who stopped to heal that blind man,
took the time to save that one lost lamb;
To only the King, Who wore that crown of thorns
so I could wear the crown of life;
And to only the One, Who conquered sin and death
so we could be set free, so we could stand here and sing.

Bridge

Only a God like You, Only a God like You,
Only a God like You, Only a God like You,
Only a God like You, Only a God like You.
Only a God like You, Only a God like You,
Only a God like You. Only a God like You.
Only a God like You, Only a God like You,
Only a God like You.

To only my Maker, my Father, my Savior;
Redeemer, Restorer, Rebuilder, Rewarder;
To only a God like You, do I give my praise.

“Never Gonna Stop”

Verse

For Your beauty that's been shown,
for Your mysteries unknown,
for the miracles we've seen, we praise You, Lord;
For the story of Your love, for the wonder of Your blood,
how it makes the sinner clean, someone like me.

Chorus

*So, I'm never gonna stop, never gonna stop,
lifting up my hands to You, lifting up my heart;
When the last day comes and goes,
and time will be no more,
I'll be praising You; No, I'll never let it end,
I'll just begin it all again;
Shouts of thankfulness and love
I'm always gonna give; a thousand years from now,
before Your throne of grace and pow'r,
I'll be praising You, praising You.*

Verse, Chorus, Instrumental

Bridge

Though pressed on ev'ry side,
with troubles and fears so near me;
And should the whole wide world deny You,
I'll just make it louder, shout Your name on high. *Chorus*

Ending

I'll be praising, I'll be praising You;
I'll be praising, I'll be praising You.
I'll be praising, I'll be praising You;
I'll be praising, I'll be praising You.
I'll be praising, I'll be praising You;
I'll be praising, I'll be praising You.

WELCOME and SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. May we worship in Spirit and in truth as the Father seeks.

OPENING HYMN *“This is My Father’s World”*

This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hands the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world, Oh, let me not forget
That, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad.

SCRIPTURE-LED CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

based on 2 Timothy 1:6–8, 13

Pastor: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God . . .
for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power
and love and self-control.

**People: Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony
about our Lord.**

Pastor: Follow the pattern of the sound words that you
have heard,

People: in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: Lord, we come to You as people who are by nature
sinful and unclean.

**People: That sinfulness has led us into self-indulgence
and greed, into worry and fretting, into personal
attempts to feel secure and safe rather than
trusting You to provide what is needed. These
attitudes stand as evidence that we are not
following Your pattern of loving You with our
whole heart and loving neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may
delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the
glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: We have sinned and deserve punishment, but we
have sought mercy and forgiveness with a heart of
confidence because we come in Jesus' name. We
believe that for our sake, Jesus Christ came into this
world to give up His life on Calvary's cross as
payment for our sin. At the command and promise
of our Lord Jesus Christ and as a called and
ordained servant of His Word, I forgive you all your
sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"O Bless the Lord My Soul"* 814

O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.

O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die!

'Tis He forgives thy sins; 'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.

He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th' oppressed.

His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Lord Jesus, as we follow You in this life of discipleship, bless us with willpower and strength to align our efforts with Your kingdom goals. Grant this for the glory of God our Father. By Your Holy Spirit make it happen in Jesus' name. Amen.

CALL TO LISTEN *“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

*Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God-is-with-us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.*

SCRIPTURE STORY

Matthew 19:16-26

Notice in this parable that the treasure involved is not easily found – hence the term “hidden”. Once the treasure is discovered, the one who found it is willing to sell (give up) everything else he has in order to gain this hidden treasure.

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?”

“Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied.

“There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.”

“Which ones?” he inquired.

Jesus replied, “‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’”

“All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?”

Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, “Who then can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Reader: This is God’s story, the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

DISCIPLESHIP POINT

about being in relationship with others

Reader: Jesus commanded us to do two things well. He said, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the other commands and all the demands of the prophets are based on those two commandments.”
Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)

God’s plan is to first radically change us personally through a deep abiding, love relationship with Him. Then His plan is to use us; to live through us to draw others into the same kind of life-changing, life-giving, love-relationship with Him.

His plan is to do that by our loving others as He loves us. This was Jesus' simple and yet very intentional model of discipleship.

Through Christ's model of loving God and loving others in intentional relationship, people came to know Him and the Father. As a result, their lives were radically changed by Him. People began to mature in their faith and started pouring their lives into the lives of others through servanthood and loving kindness – forms of loving your neighbor. In other words, disciples began making disciples, and the world was never the same again.

DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER

Reader: Join me in praying:

People: Father God, help me and all of us to mature in our faith and continue to pour out our lives into others through servanthood and loving kindness. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:25-34

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

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PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST and OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

"Create In Me"

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Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: (after each petition) Lord, in Your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF PROVISION

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever, Amen.**

HOPE PRAYER BOX(ES)

OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST (taken from Scripture)

Pastor: Let's remind ourselves who we are in Christ Jesus:

- **In Christ, I am enabled to trust in the Lord with all my heart and lean not on my own understanding; I can submit to Him in all of my ways and know that He will make my paths straight.**
- **In Christ, I am valued highly by my heavenly Father and will seek first His kingdom knowing that He will provide for all my needs.**
- **In Christ, I have died to sin and been raised with Christ, and my life is hidden with Christ in God as part of His kingdom. Until I appear with Him in glory, I serve as an ambassador for that kingdom till He comes.**

BENEDICTION FOR THE WEEK

Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Go My Children, with My Blessing" 922

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing You are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior,
Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday's will continue with one service only beginning with Prayer & Praise at 9:00 am and Worship at 9:30 am.
- Discipleship Hour today after the service in Fellowship Hall.
- Go to our website for a link to Facebook for the live stream of the service, a copy of the bulletin and Immersion.

EXIT INVOCATION

Pastor: We are a discipleship-oriented church.
As disciples of Jesus, let's follow in His path of loving and serving.

People: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; Amen!

EXIT SONG

"I Will Follow"

Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.
When You move, I'll move. I will follow.

Verse 1

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure;
I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life;
I will trust in You alone. In You alone.

Chorus

*Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Who You love, I'll love. How You serve, I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.*

Verse 2

Light unto the world, Light unto my life;
I will live for You alone.
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find
All I need in You alone, in You alone. *Chorus*

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting.
In You there's freedom for my soul.
In You there's joy, unending joy;
And I will follow. *Chorus 2X*

I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.