

# Sunday, August 22, 2021

## 9:30 am Service



**Our Vision:**  
**Disciples Making Disciples**

**Our Mission:**  
**Making Disciples Who Make Disciples**

Theme of the Year  
Come Follow Me *and* Come Learn From Me

### WORSHIP VERSE

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. ~ Psalm 92:1-4*

### WORSHIP QUOTE

After learning to love God (worship), learning to love others is the second purpose of your life. ~ Rick Warren

### PRESERVICE THOUGHTS: Disciples Practice Healthy Relationships by Refusing to Embrace Hatred

*Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them. ~ 1 John 2:9-11*

**Hater-ade:** It's not an actual drink, but what people are described as being drunk on when they act with or persist in hateful or negative attitudes. It's a dark place to be – and one God Himself warns us about.

It's not just a command of God not to hate (and positively to love); it's also unhealthy to hate – for you personally and for those with whom you're interacting while under the blight of hatred. In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, He expands the meaning of "You shall not murder" and its requisite judgment to include anger and coming judgment as well (Matthew 5:21-22). Anger, envy, and bitterness often lead to hatred. They are all areas of darkness that need the light of Christ revealing and healing those unhealthy places.

## **PRESERVICE PRAYER**

Father God, I want to demonstrate more than the minimum in loving You and others. I want to love deeply. When a reason to hate arises, let me meet it with love that conquers all. When a reason to love arises, let me rise to the occasion with love born of You. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

***"In Christ Alone"***

*Townend & Getty*

In Christ alone my hope is found.  
He is my Light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love! What depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness  
scorned by the ones He came to save  
'til on that cross as Jesus died  
the wrath of God was satisfied,  
for ev'ry sin, on Him was laid.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

*Instrumental*

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His, and He is mine,  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

*Instrumental*

No guilt in life, no fear in death:  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from His hand  
'til He returns, nor cause me harm;  
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

***"Is He Worthy"***

*Peterson & Shive*

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do.)  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do.)  
But do you know that all the dark  
won't stop the light from getting through? (We do.)  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do.)

Is all creation groaning? (It is.)  
Is a new creation coming? (It is.)  
Is the glory of the Lord  
to be the light within our midst? (It is.)  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is.)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,  
He is David's Root and the Lamb  
who died to ransom the slave.  
Is He worthy,  
Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? (He is.)

Does the Father truly love us? (He does.)  
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does.)  
And does Jesus, our Messiah,  
hold forever those He loves? (He does.)  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does.)

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who died to ransom the slave.  
From ev'ry people and tribe,  
ev'ry nation and tongue,  
He has made us a kingdom  
and priests to God to reign with the Son.  
Is He worthy,  
Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy, Is He worthy?  
Is He worthy of this? He is!

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!

## PSALM OF THE WEEK

Psalm 119:137-144

You are righteous, LORD,  
and your laws are right.  
The statutes you have laid down are righteous;  
they are fully trustworthy.  
My zeal wears me out,  
for my enemies ignore your words.  
Your promises have been thoroughly tested,  
and your servant loves them.  
Though I am lowly and despised,  
I do not forget your precepts.  
Your righteousness is everlasting  
and your law is true.  
Trouble and distress have come upon me,  
but your commands give me delight.  
Your statutes are always righteous;  
give me understanding that I may live.

## PSALM OF THE WEEK *Prayer Conversation form*

[God] I, the LORD, am righteous,  
My laws are right as well.  
The statutes I have laid down are righteous,  
fully trustworthy as you have come to know.  
**[us] Yes Lord – and may My zeal for You not wear out  
though enemies ignore Your words.  
Let Your promises be thoroughly tested,  
by me and other servants who love them.**  
Though other perceive you as lowly and scorned,  
stay true to My precepts, My child.  
My righteousness is everlasting  
and My law is forever true.  
Though trouble and distress come upon you,  
Let My commands remain your delight.  
**[us] Grant me steadfastness faith  
in Your righteous statutes  
Give me understanding  
that I may live by Your word.**

***“Build Your Kingdom Here” Rend Collective Experiment***

### *Verse 1*

Come, set Your rule and reign,  
In our hearts again,  
Increase in us we pray,  
Unveil why we're made.  
Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope,  
Like wildfire in our very souls,  
Holy Spirit come invade us now.  
We are Your church;  
We need Your pow'r in us.

*Verse 2*

We seek Your kingdom first,  
We hunger and we thirst,  
Refuse to waste our lives,  
For You're our joy and prize.  
To see the captive hearts released,  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace;  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause,  
We are Your church,  
We pray: 'revive this earth.

*Chorus*

*Build Your kingdom here,  
Let the darkness fear;  
Show Your mighty hand,  
Heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire,  
Win this nation back;  
Change the atmosphere,  
Build Your kingdom here we pray.*

*Verse 3*

Unleash Your kingdom's power,  
Reaching the near and far,  
No force of hell can stop,  
Your beauty changing hearts.  
You made us for much more than this,  
Awake the kingdom seed in us,  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ,  
We are Your church,  
We are the hope on earth.

*Chorus, Instrumental, Chorus*

**"I Am Free" (if necessary)**

*Egan*

*Verse 1*

Through You the blind will see.  
Through You the mute will sing.  
Through You the dead will rise.  
Through You all hearts will praise.  
Through You the darkness flees.  
Through You my heart screams.  
I am free. I am free.

*Chorus*

*I am free to run. (Echo)  
I am free to dance. (Echo)  
I am free to live for You. (Echo)  
I am free! (Echo)  
I am free! (Echo)*

*Verse 2*

Through You the kingdom comes  
Through You the battle's won  
Through You I'm not afraid  
Through You the price is paid  
Through You there's victory  
Because of You my soul sings  
I am free. I am free. *Chorus 2X*

**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: We come in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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

## OPENING SONG    *"The Heart of Worship"*                  Redman

When the music fades, all is stripped away,  
and I simply come, longing just to bring  
something that's of worth that will bless Your heart.  
I'll bring You more than a song,  
for a song in itself is not what You have required.  
You search much deeper within  
through the way things appear;  
You're looking into my heart.

### *Chorus*

*I'm coming back to the heart of worship,  
and it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,  
when it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.*

King of endless worth, no one could express  
how much You deserve.  
Though I'm weak and poor,  
all I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath.  
I'll bring You more than a song,  
for a song in itself is not what You have required.  
You search much deeper within  
through the way things appear;  
You're looking into my heart.    *Chorus 2X*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: My friends, rejoice that in Christ you are Father God's beloved children,

**People: rescued, redeemed, and renewed.**

Pastor: And precious in His sight.

**People: Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE**    *“Is He Worthy” (reprise)*

Does the Father truly love us? (He does.)  
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does.)  
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hold forever those He loves? (He does.)  
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and priests to God to reign with the Son.  
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Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy, Is He worthy?  
Is He worthy of this? He is!

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Join me in this prayer:

**People: Jesus Christ, I claim to be in the light as You are in the light. I want no darkness to exist in me. I claim You as Lord and Savior – and I pray that my life reflects Your light, that my actions bring light rather than darkness. May hatred have no place in my life! To God be the glory. Amen.**

**CALL TO LISTEN**    *“Change My Heart, O God”*    Espinosa

*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.*

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

**Genesis 37:2-11**

This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

Now Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, “Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it.”

His brothers said to him, “Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?” And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. “Listen,” he said, “I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.”

When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, “What is this dream you had?”

Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?” His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 John 2:7-11**

Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

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## **COME FOLLOW ME: DISCIPLESHIP POINT**

Reader: **The Point:** You shall not murder. *What does this mean?* Per Luther’s Catechism, we should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but help and support him in every physical need.

Luther’s explanation to this commandment is preceded by one Jesus shared in Matthew 5:21-26.

The initial view is *don’t murder*; a deeper view: *don’t be angry*; the deepest view: *love your neighbor by helping him*. God desires love and fellowship among His children; kindled anger and nursed hatred break fellowship. Where God would have us resolve our differences, many of us instead resolve to let differences get in the way of fellowship. We don’t just follow Jesus in a bubble, we follow Jesus alongside other disciples. Let’s not let envy, anger, bitterness or hatred destroy our fellowship in Christ.

## **DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER**

Reader: Holy Spirit, thank You for the godly fellowship that I share in You with my brothers and sisters in Christ. We come and pray together:

**People: Help us all appreciate this unique fellowship that You form in connection with Jesus. Let us be driven to preserve and deepen it. We also pray that You help us to recognize Your desire that we enjoy fellowship with others as well – at work, with family, and beyond. Expand our fellowship – in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 14:25-33**

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king.



## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [2 Timothy 4:22]

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, and now we praise You for Jesus, Your only-begotten son, by whose sacrifice and authority we are welcome into Your presence. Accept our thanksgiving by our presence and participation in this holy sacrament.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

### DISTRIBUTION and OFFERING SONG

*“Freely, Freely”*

*Owens*

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share His love as He told me to.

*Chorus*

*He said, Freely, freely, you have received,  
freely, freely give  
Go in my name, and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.*

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,  
in earth and heav'n in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share His pow'r as He told me to. *Chorus*

Go in my name, and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### HOPE PRAYER BOX(ES)

### OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST (taken from Scripture)

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

- **I am a God-fearing follower of Jesus, and when I am insulted because of the name of Christ, I am blessed because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on me.**
- **In Christ, I seek to live by the Spirit and keep in step with the Spirit, desiring to be more like Jesus: Not a law breaker, nor merely a law keeper, but a law fulfiller – in spirit and in truth.**
- **In Christ, I am a lover of people rather than a hater of people.**

### 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 SONG**    *“Light of the World”*

*Pino*

You are the light of the world.  
You are the light of the world.  
So shine, shine, shine where you are.  
You are the light of the world.

You are a city on a hill.  
You are a city on a hill.  
So shine, shine, shine where you are.  
You are a city on a hill.

You are a candle in the dark.  
You are a candle in the dark.  
So shine, shine, shine where you are.  
You are a candle in the dark.

You are a star in the night.  
You are a star in the night.  
So shine, shine, shine where you are.  
You are a star in the night.

So shine, shine, shine where you are.  
You are the light of the world.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- One Hope Sunday, August 29 – Bring your Lunch

**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!**

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