

Sunday, November 6, 2022
9:00 am Service



Our Vision:
Disciples Making Disciples

Our Mission:
Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

Theme of the Year
Immersed in God's Word,
Following Jesus – As Sent Ones

PRESERVICE THOUGHTS



Disciples take God and His Word seriously regarding forgiveness and reconciliation with “outsiders”.

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace, who made both groups one and tore down the dividing wall of hostility. ~ Ap. Paul, **Ephesians 2:13-14***

What is God's goal from Paul's perspective? [1] It is to bring those who are far away from the Lord near to Him through the blood of Jesus. [2] It is to tear down that which divides people. In Paul's setting there was a socio-political and religious divide between Jews and Gentiles (a Gentile is anyone who is not a Jew). Nowadays, you name it: Political stance, race or color, religious persuasion, gender issues, personal rights. It is an extensive list.

But listen – *anyone in Christ is a new creation* (2 Corinthians 5:17). And anyone in Christ is united to others in Christ, known as the church, the family of God, the body of Christ. Followers of Jesus don't necessarily lose traits that previously led to divisions, but we are no longer defined by them. Instead, we are defined by what (or better said, by Who) unites us. From there we learn to practice “bearing with one another in love. God's goal is to unite us to Himself AND to each other through Jesus. What is your goal with people? Are you working with God or against Him here?”

PRESERVICE PRAYER

Father God, Let Your Holy Spirit help me get aligned with Your goals to tear down whatever walls divide people. Help us followers of Jesus look past secondary issues and celebrate the unity we have as His disciples. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Gratitude/Joy Story

Back when Hope did 8:00 traditional and 10:30 blended, lack of an organist one week led Pastor Paul to use song booklets from a church retreat. Led by guitar, the mixture of song and scripture set a worshipful tone. Then the service took on a life of its own. The traditional service slot bled into the bible study hour. More songs get sung – different songs and more scripture are added on the fly; we kept singing and praying, absorbing God and His word. 10:15 rolled around and next service participants found themselves walking into a sacred space that had been carrying on for over two hours. As 10:30 musicians joined pastor up front, many 8:00-ers stay, lingering in the moment. We returned to the same songs that opened the early service. Even so, they had a new feel – deeper, more profound. By the time we finished, we knew that we had been party to a unique and wonderful worship experience. I found myself trying to drink it all in, knowing that it may never repeat itself again.

I will extol the LORD at all times, His praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD, let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:1-3

PRESERVICE MUSIC *“Glorify Thy Name”* Adkins

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we Love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

~ Ephesians 5:1

“I Want to be Just Like You, Jesus”

Unknown

I want to be just like You, Jesus.
I want to be just like You...oooooh.
I want to be a vessel You work through.
I—I want to be just like You.

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

Thompson

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

Refrain

*Come home, come home;
Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!*

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
Passing from you and from me;
Shadows are gathering, death's night is coming,
Coming for you and for me. *Refrain*

O for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

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 HYMN "There is a Balm in Gilead" 749

Chorus

*There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again. *Chorus*

If you cannot preach like Peter,
If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the Love of Jesus
And say He died for all. *Chorus*

Don't ever feel discouraged,
For Jesus is your friend;
And if you lack for knowledge,
He'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Chorus*

CALL TO WORSHIP MATINS

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Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**People: make haste to help me, O Lord.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.**

Pastor: Blessed be God, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: O come, let us worship Him.

VENITE (sung a capella by Pastor Paul) 220

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.
The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.

O come let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.
For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.

HYMN OF PRAISE “*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*” 803

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Matthew 26:38-39

Pastor: [Jesus] said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

Father, help us to cultivate a spirit of watchfulness that we might see other's needs or struggles and learn to pray with them during overwhelming times.

People: **And remind us to live as Jesus lived, always putting Your will in the center of life, even to the point of death. In His name we pray. Amen.**

CALL TO LISTEN “*Thy Strong Word*” 578

*Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end! Repeat*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 12:14-24

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done. You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.” The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:11-22

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations.

His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

DISCIPLESHIP: Learning the point of being a Disciple

Reader: As a disciple, realize that Jesus has called you to:

- be a fisher of men (Matthew 4:19)
- in whatever you are doing (Colossians 3:17)
- as you are going about life (Matthew 28:19)

Remember that, like any maturing process, people are sometimes ready to learn and other times not. Some can learn from others’ mistakes; some only learn after going through their own failures. Keep expectations appropriate for those you’re in discipleship with – and remember that the Holy Spirit is the primary discipler; you (plural) are His vessels.

DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER

Reader: Join me in praying:

People: Father God, as Your disciple following in the footsteps of Peter and Andrew, James and John, teach me how to fish for men in whatever I am doing as I go about life. In Your name I pray. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:1-9

Jesus inspires some serious life change and hard-core reconciliation in the life of a Zacchaeus, the Tax Collector

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

Pastor: This is God's story, the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

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PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST and OFFERING**OFFERING HYMN** "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin
Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have
no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY (NOV. 1)

Almighty God, this week we recall with thanksgiving those saints taken from us living in the Church Militant and carried by the angels to You and the Church Triumphant. Especially, we give You praise for our departed family and friends in the faith who have gone before us and all those in our hearts and minds today:

(Recall the names of those being remembered)

Thank You for giving them new life in Christ while on this earth and sustaining them in true and saving faith throughout their life. We praise You for giving them the fulfillment of Your promises of salvation and eternal life. Strengthen and sustain us in this same saving faith that we may also join the angels, archangels and all the company of heaven in joyful praise, peace, and rest forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.**

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 a forgiven and reconciled member of God's family. By His strength, I agree to honor God by forgiving and reconciling with members of my family as well.**
- **I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.**
- **In Christ, you and I are being built into a holy temple, a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.**

BENEDICTION FOR THE WEEK

2 Corinthians 13:11

Pastor: Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice!
Strive for full restoration, encourage one another,
be of one mind, live in peace.
And the God of love and peace will be with you.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

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Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, Strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction.
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Women's Group Study – Galatians: Accepted & Free, Tuesday, Nov. 9th at 6:30 in the office.
- Faith United Methodist Church Food Bank is asking for Thanksgiving food, financial donations or volunteers. Please bring donations by Sunday, Nov. 13th. (*see bulletin insert*)
- We will be replacing our American Flag after the service on Sunday, Nov. 13th in honor of Veterans Day.

EXIT INVOCATION

Pastor: We are a discipleship-oriented and discipleship-sending church. As disciples of Jesus sent into the world, 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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