

Sunday, November 27, 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

Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever.
~ 2 Chronicles 20:21

PRESERVICE THOUGHTS:

It is time to bring one church year to a close and start a new one with the onset of Advent, a season of anticipating the coming of Jesus. The church year is set up to begin and end *with the end in mind*: The coming of Jesus to restore all things. In a convenient stroke of suitability, thanksgiving also happens to fall around this time. It gives us an opportunity to thank God for His blessings that come to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRESERVICE PRAYER

Thank You Father God for Your love that has sustained me through the years, including this past week. Thank You for Your love that blesses and fills this week including the day of "Thanksgiving". And thank You and for every week I'm enabled to experience in life here before coming home to You; I know that You leave no part untouched by Your eternal love. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

PRESERVICE MUSIC *"We Fall Down"* Tomlin

Verse

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus;
The greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.

Chorus

*And we cry holy, holy, holy,
and we cry holy, holy, holy,
and we cry holy, holy, holy, is the Lamb. Verse, Chorus*

Instrumental, Verse, Chorus 2X

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lamb.

“Prepare the Way”

Evans

He has come to bring light into the darkness;
He has come to bring freedom to the captives;
He has come to restore the brokenhearted;
It’s time to proclaim the year of the Lord.

Chorus

*Prepare the way, prepare the way for our Redeemer;
Prepare the way, prepare the way for our Restorer;
Make ready your heart, make ready your home,
Make ready the people of God, Prepare the way.*

He has come to bring hope to the hopeless;
He has come to comfort all who mourn;
He has come to heal our ev’ry sickness;
It’s time to proclaim the year of the Lord. *Chorus*

Prepare, prepare
Preparing the way of the Lord.
Prepare, prepare, prepare. *Chorus*

“When We Gather”

Bicshel

Verse

We lift our voice, we lift our heart as one.
We are Yours, Your will be done.
The promise in Your word we pray reveal
Your presence here with us.

Chorus

*When we gather, in Your presence there is power.
When we worship You together
You are here, when we gather.*

Verse, Chorus 2X

Bridge

Jesus, there is power in Your name.
Great God, our hearts will sing Your praise.
Jesus, there is power in Your name.
Great God, our hearts will sing Your praise.
Our hearts will sing Your praise.
Our hearts will sing Your praise.

When we gather, in Your presence there is power.
When we worship You together, You are here.

Repeat 3X

When we gather. When we gather.

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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was
given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives
us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus
Christ He gives the power to become the children
of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May
the Lord, who has begun this good work in us,
bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

People: Amen.

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

People: rescued, redeemed, and renewed.

Pastor: And precious in His sight.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Footnote

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.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Pastor: Father God, lead us to a deep and humble appreciation of Jesus' victory over our sin through His death on the cross; it was a costly victory to be sure. As He rose from the dead by the power of Your Spirit, let our praises also rise inspired by that Holy Spirit living in us through baptism.

People: Amen. And as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, may we also glorify You by our new lives in Christ. Amen.

CALL TO LISTEN *"Ancient Words"* DeShazo

*Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.*

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

DISCIPLESHIP POINT about Thanksgiving:

Reader: Everything God created is good," wrote the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 4:4, "and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving."

DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER

Reader: Join me in a prayer of thanksgiving:

People: Gracious God, help us to see this world from Your teaching perspective and receive all things with thanksgiving. Let Your Holy Spirit direct our hearts and minds to experience life with gratefulness – even the inconvenient parts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL READING Mark 8:34-38

Then [Jesus] called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST and OFFERING

Pastor: As we gather our offering, we remind ourselves of 2 Corinthians 9:11 where God's people were told, "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

People: So be it today as well! Thanks be to God!

OFFERING SONG "How Great Is Our God" Tomlin

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*

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

Pastor: The Lord God teaches us through the Apostle Paul, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Let's do so now:

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

People: Hear our prayer.

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.**

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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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

WORDS OF OUR LORD

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Communion"

Powell

Chorus

*This is the Body, and this is the Blood.
Broken and poured out, for all of us,
and in this communion, we share in His love.
This is the Body, and this is the Blood.*

I will remember everything, Lord,
that You've done for me,
I won't take for granted
the sacrifice that set me free.
Well I hunger and thirst for Your love,
come fill me today. *Chorus*

We hunger and thirst for Your love
and Your righteousness.
We long for Your presence here, Lord,
be with us again. *Chorus 2X*

This is the Body, this is the Blood.
This is the Body, this is the Blood.

PRAYER BOX(ES)

OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST (taken from Scripture)

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

- **In marriage under God, two people “become one” and parallel the mysterious relationship between Jesus and His bride, the church. May God be honored through marriage.**
- **In Christ, I am a child of God empowered to live a life of obedience that comes from faith.**
- **In Christ, I give thanks to the Father God because His love endures forever.**

BENEDICTION

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 lift up His countenance upon you
and grant you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Days of Elijah”

Mark

These are the days of Elijah
declaring the word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials
of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert
Crying, “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord”!

Chorus

*Behold He comes, riding on the clouds.
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call:
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
and out of Zion's Hill salvation comes!*

And these are the days of Ezekiel.
The dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David,
rebuilding the Temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest.
The fields are white in this world.
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
declaring the word of the Lord! *Chorus*

Bridge

There's no God like Jehovah.
There's no God like Jehovah. *Chorus 2X*

Ending

Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
and out of Zion's Hill salvation comes!
Out of Zion's Hill salvation comes!
Out of Zion's Hill salvation comes!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wednesday Advent Service at 6:30 pm
- Congregation Budget Meeting December 4, after worship
- Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 3rd 9 am in Fellowship Hall.

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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