

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLEECE MATERIAL is needed for blankets which are being made for Mosaic Crisis Pregnancy Center and for children going through cancer treatment. 1½ yds will help us make 1 blanket. Contact Sandie Rust to help.



VBS Sign up is ONLINE! Invite your neighbors. Looking for Volunteers for various positions. Registration helpers, Photographers, Kitchen help, sanitation and clean-up crew between sessions.

BEING A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER is one of the greatest acts of love a person can give to the youth of our church. The goal of Sunday School is to support the parent's role of passing on our precious faith to their children. Please carefully consider this loving work.

SONG OF INVITATION "The Goodness of Jesus" CityAlight

Come you weary heart now to Jesus
Come you anxious soul now and see
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears
Rest here in His wondrous peace

Chorus:

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus
Satisfied, He is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus

Come find what this world cannot offer
Come and find your joy here complete
Taste the living water, never thirst again
Rest here in His wondrous peace (Chorus)

Come and find your hope now in Jesus
He is all He said He would be
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart
Rest here in His wondrous peace (Chorus 2x)

Outro: May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

P: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

C: **but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,

C: **and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 1:1-3*

P: St Paul reminds, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:17–18). Assured of God's work through Jesus we come humbly to confess our sins before our Creator.

Silence for self-examination.

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: **I confess that I have sinned against You, in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have not done. To my eternal shame, I find myself walking in the counsel of the wicked, standing in the way of sinners, and sitting in the seat of scoffers. Forgive me, Lord, for all my offenses against You and my neighbors, not for my sake but for the sake of Jesus my Savior who died in my place for my many sins. Deliver and restore me that by Your Holy Spirit, I may also receive a willing heart to delight in Your law and meditate on it day and night. Make me like a tree planted by streams of water, a tree that yields the fruit of the Spirit in its season. Amen.**

P: Having confessed our sins, God the Father grants us forgiveness, bought for us by the death of His Son, Jesus Christ, and strength to live in the power of the Holy Spirit all our days.

C: **Amen. Let it be as He has promised. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

"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 power 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
Grant Your heart's desire
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 reign in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
Unleash Your Power We pray**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 17:22–24*

(The Lord promises to plant a sprig and make it grow,
that it may be a noble tree and bear good fruit.)

Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 5:1–17* (We walk by faith and not by sight.)

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.

For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE Psalm 92:12–13

L: Alleluia! The righteous flourish like the palm tree;
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

C: **They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God. Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 4:26–34* (The kingdom of God is like a seed.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN No. 700 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

SERMON "Values" 2 Corinthians 5:1-17 Seminarian Nathan Nelson

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

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.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

All: 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;
and 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.

BLESSING OF THE LORD *Numbers 6:24–26*

SENDING

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN No. 803 *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

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,
Well-spring 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!

*Be safe as you travel this summer!
& Remember us on Facebook Live every Sunday.*