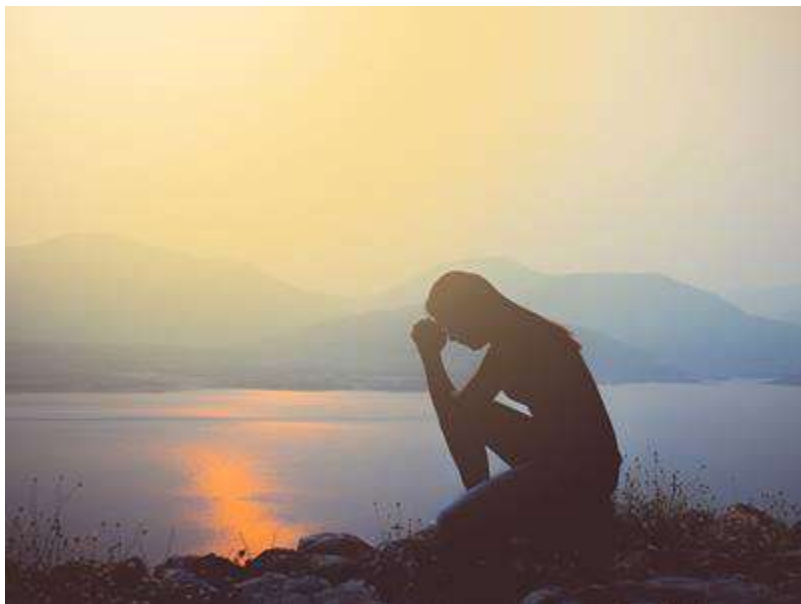




WELCOME TO WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 22, 2019



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30 am
12:00 noon
1:00 pm

Family Worship Service
Fellowship Hour
Choir Practice

WORSHIP SERVICE

September 22, 2019

Ordinary Time

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

***Call to Worship (Psalm 113:1-8)**

Praise the Lord, you his servants; praise the name of the Lord.

Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.

Let us praise our Prince of Peace this morning, Jesus Christ the Son and Lord of all!

Praise

***Songs of Praise**

“To My Precious Lord” (#136)

“How Great Thou Art” (#553)

“Marvelous Grace” (#696)

***God’s Greeting**

Choral Anthem:

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God (with Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee)”

Renewal

Call to Confession (Matthew 22:37-40)

When asked about the law, our Lord Jesus said:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest

and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our only atoning mediator.

Confession of Our Sins:

Merciful God, we confess that 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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sung Prayer of Confession:

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea” (#627 vs. 1-3)

Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 44:21-22, 49:15 & 66:13)

Remember these things, O Jacob and Israel, for you are my servants; I formed you, and you will not be forgotten. I have swept away your sins and transgressions like a cloud, like a mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb?

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

Friends, this is the good news!

Thanks be to God!

Our Affirmation and Commitment: (Joshua 24:1-4, 14-25)

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Joshua said to all the people, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac, and to Isaac I gave Jacob and

Esau. I assigned the hill country of Seir to Esau, but Jacob and his family went down to Egypt.’ Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Then the people answered,

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.”

Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.” But the people said to Joshua,

“No! We will serve the Lord.”

Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord.”

“Yes, we are witnesses!”

“Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” And the people said to Joshua,

“We will serve the Lord our God and obey him.”

On that day, Joshua made a covenant for the people and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws.

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

Offering: Benevolence Fund

***Hymn of Dedication of Gifts:**

“Lord of All Good, Our Gifts We Bring to You” (#879 vs. 1)

PROCLAMATION

Dismissal of Children for Kids Connection

Scripture: Luke 10:1-24 (p. 1085)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: I’m Called and Equipped: To Commit

Reaffirmation of Faith: *Contemporary Testimony, Art. 41-43*

***Hymn of Response:**

“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace” (#690 vs. 1-3)

SENDING

***Sending (1 Thessalonians 5:24)**

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

***Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)**

***Doxology “I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace” (#690 vs. 4)**

Postlude

Participants:

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