

WORSHIP SERVICE
July 25, 2021
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome Good morning

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship

God of grace, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, even as we gather here to meet You, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

By the power of our Spirit, help us to lift up our hearts in praise, to receive your lavish gifts, stored up for us in Christ, and to live as your faithful children and witnesses, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* Opening Song: "Ten Thousand Reasons" *Lift Up Your Hearts #559*

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me. Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing. Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing. The end draws near and my time has come.

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending. Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name.

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD (2 Corinthians 9:6-9)

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever."

God's Assurance: (2 Corinthians 9:10-11)

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion and through your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gifts!"

Song of Response: "Good to Me"

Lift Up Your Hearts #620

I cry out for your hand of mercy to heal me. I am weak; I need your love to free me.
O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness- Come rescue me, O Lord.

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O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness- Come rescue me, O Lord.

You are my hope; your promise never fails me. And my desire is to follow you forever.
For you are good, for you are good, for you are good to me.
For you are good, for you are good for you are good to me.

I cry out for your hand of mercy to heal me. I am weak; I need your love to free me.
O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness- Come rescue me, O Lord.

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For you are good, for you are good, for you are good to me.

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

²⁵ "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

²⁷ "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

²⁹ "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

³⁰ "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

³¹ "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Message: "Stories with Intent: The Rich Man and Lazarus"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

- * Song of Response: "Open Our Eyes"

Sing! A New Creation! #263

Refrain:

Come and bring light to a people in darkness; Come set us free from the chains we have made
We are Your people the flock that You tend; Lord open our eyes once again

To the ones broken hearted: Open our eyes;

To the plight of the poor: Open our eyes

To the innocent children: Open our eyes

Teach us compassion and love **(Refrain)**

To the victims of violence: Open our eyes

To the ones who seek justice: Open our eyes

To those sitting in prison: Open our eyes

Teach us compassion and love **(Refrain)**

When a color divides us: Open our eyes

When the darkness surrounds us: Open our eyes

When we choose to look elsewhere: Open our eyes

Teach us compassion and love **(Refrain)**

To those full of life's sorrow: Open our eyes

To the needs of the lowly: Open our eyes

To the ones who seek peace: Open our eyes

Teach us compassion and love **(Refrain)**

To those suffering illness: Open our eyes

To those trapped by addiction: Open our eyes

To those lost or forgotten: Open our eyes

Teach us compassion and love

Come and bring light to a people in darkness; Come set us free from the chains we have made

We are Your people the flock that You tend; Lord open our eyes once again

Open our eyes once again

WE DEPART TO SERVE

- * Blessing

- * Closing Song: "O God You Are My God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #743

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days **(Repeat)**

- * Postlude

- * Please stand if you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the service, join Tyler and Christina in the Fellowship Hall as they share about their time in South Africa.

Birthday Card Shower for Gerine - Gerine's birthday is on **July 29**. Please consider mailing her a card to help her celebrate her birthday.

Nursery Volunteers Needed - We can still use more nursery volunteers. If you are interested in being added, please let Christina know.

Church Pictures - We'd like to update the family picture bulletin board. If you have your own picture that you want to use, please send it to Christina.

From the Deacons – Please talk to a Deacon if you are interested in our YTD income and expenses.

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Remembering: Telling our faith stories to other generations is a deeply meaningful way to help us remember together what God has done. Check out our intergenerational story-starter questions at tinyurl.com/StoryStarterQ.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Come Cheer on the Church Softball team - The Trinity Paracletes (our church softball team) is 3-1 in the tournament so far, and will be playing this **Tuesday at 7:10 PM** at the River Valley Softball Complex. If we win the first game, we'll move on to the championship game.

Jim Hallihan's Memorial Service will be on Sunday, **August 8 at 1:00 PM** at Hilton Coliseum. Both Pastor Randy and Pastor Tom will be officiants for the service.

Sunday Evening Book Club - This group is discussing J.I. Packer's classic book *Knowing God*. They meet on **Sundays at 6:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall.

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