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Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, August 17, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word and Prayer

August 17, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

***Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched**

Music: Matthew Smith; Lyrics: Joseph Hart, 1759



1. Come ye sin - ners, poor and wretch - ed,
2. Come ye need - y, come and wel - come;
3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy la - den,
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger,
5. Lo! Th'In - car - nate God, a - scend - ed;



weak and wound - ed, sick and sore.
God's free boun - ty glor - i - fy:
bruised and bro - ken by the fall.
nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream.
pleads the mer - it of His blood.



Je - sus, rea - dy, stands to save you,
true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
All the fit - ness He re - quires
Ven - ture on Him; ven - ture whol - ly,



full of pi - ty joined with power.
eve - ry grace that brings you nigh.
you will ne - ver come at all.
is to feel your need of Him.
let no o - ther trust in - trude.



He is a - ble, He is a - ble;
With - out mon - ey, with - out mon - ey
Not the right - eous, not the right - eous;
This He gives you, this He gives you,
None but Je - sus, none but Je - sus



He is will - ing; doubt no more.
come to Je - sus Christ and buy.
sin - ners Je - sus came to call.
'tis the Spi - rit's ri - sing beam.
can do help - less sin - ners good.

Welcome & Announcements

Brian Sorgenfrei

***Call to Worship¹**

Psalm 146:1-8, 10

Elder: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

People: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Elder: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

People: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

Elder: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

Hymn No. 521

Music: SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1863; Lyrics: Edward Mote, 1834

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Romans 8:1-4

Elder: What has God done for you in Christ Jesus?

All: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set [us] free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

¹We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

*Before the Throne of God Above

Music & Lyrics: Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the
3. Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less
per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,
guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him there,
right - eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I Am,
who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is gra - ven
who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less
the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him - self, I
on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His heart;
sav - ior died my sin - ful soul is count - ed free;
can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His blood;
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me
for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my sa - vior
thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
and my God, with Christ my sa - vior and my God.

Call to Confession & Confession of Sin

Adapted from Psalm 32:1-7

Elder: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

People: When we hide our sins, our souls shrivel up. We internally groan all day long. You will lay your hand of discipline on us, and our strength will dry up if we do not turn.

Elder: Dear church, acknowledge your sin to God, and do not cover up your iniquity!

People: We will confess our transgressions to the LORD, and he will forgive the iniquity of our sin.

Elder: Let everyone who is godly offer prayer to God at a time when he may be found. Surely in the Day of Judgment, it will be too late!

People: You are our hiding place, O Lord. You preserve us from trouble; you surround us with shouts of deliverance. Forgive us of all of our sins.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 32:8-11

The Lord does forgive you and tells you, “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!”

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn No. 32

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1923; Lyrics: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Allen Thigpen

Offertory

"Here Is Love"

Music & Lyrics: Robert Lowry, 1876, William Rees, tr. William Edwards

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

***Children's Church Dismissal: During both the 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. service four- & five-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.*

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Doug Sanford

Members of the Week:

Nancy Chamblee

Bobby & Keith Cheney

Missionaries of the Week:

Mike Winebrenner: Church Planting - Horn Lake, MS

Jeffrey Lancaster: Church Planting - Chicago, IL

Teachers of the Week:

1st & 2nd Grade: Lauren & Fisher Adkins, Marti & Brock Nolan

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Steve & Mindy Redding

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:1-3

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Keyword: Blessing"

Les Newsom

Ephesians: The Keys to Unlocking the Mystery of the Church

Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.

***Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!*

*In Christ Alone

Music & Lyrics: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. In Christ a lone my hope is found;
 2. In Christ a lone, who took on flesh;
 3. There in the ground, His bo - dy lay, death:
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death:

He is my light, my strength, my song;
 full - ness of God in help - less babe!
 light of the world by dark - ness slain.
 this is the pow'r of Christ in me.

this cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground,
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
 Then burst - ing forth and in glo - rious day,
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath.

firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 scorned by the ones He came to save.
 up from the grave He rose a - gain!
 Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry,
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,

when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
 the wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
 can ev - er pluck me from His hand;

My com - for - ter, my all in all,
 for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid,
 for I am His and He is mine,
 'til He re - turns or calls me home,

here in the love of Christ I stand.
 here in the death of Christ I live.
 bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*Benediction²

¹Please stand, if able.

²Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

1. The Utility of Blessing

2. The Location of Blessing

3. The Fountain of Blessing

Musicians & AVL Team

Randall Bryant, keyboard & vocals; Grace Anne Byrd, vocals; Noel Childress, mandolin;
Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer; Dylan Gray, bass; Erik Hom, violin;
Wayne Irby, guitar & vocals; Jonathan Klingler, lights & projections;
Gabriel Miña-Reyes, cello; Andy Paney, piano; Daniel Spears, percussion

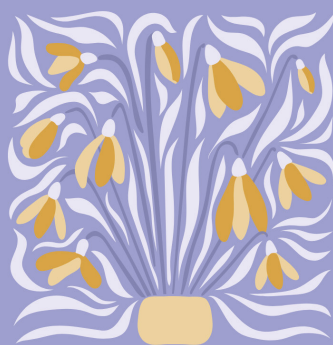
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEVER ALONE



A new women's small group starts on **August 21st at noon** at the church. Never Alone is a group for women who are widows, divorced, or single, and is a place to find belonging, support and encouragement. Scan the QR code above to join the group and receive future updates.



stay connected
to youth group

scan the QR code below



FOCUS GROUPS

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- minimum one person per household should attend
- if both adults in a household would like to attend, childcare can be reimbursed
- all meetings are the same, no need to attend multiple
- 20 possible meeting dates

Focus Groups for Phase 2 begin on August 17th. All meetings will be held at the church. We'd like to keep the meetings at around 35-40 people. Dates are listed below:

Sunday, August 17, 12:15pm; Tuesday, August 19, 7:00pm; Thursday, August 21, 7:00pm; Sunday, August 24, 9:45am or 12:15pm; Tuesday, August 26, 7:00pm; Thursday, August 28, 7:00pm; Sunday, August 31, 9:45am or 12:15pm; Tuesday, September 2, 7:00pm; Thursday, September 4, 7:00pm; Sunday, September 7, 9:45am or 12:15pm; Tuesday, September 9, 7:00pm; Thursday, September 11, 7:00pm; Sunday, September 14, 9:45am or 12:15pm; Tuesday, September 16, 7:00pm; Sunday, September 21, 9:45am or 12:15pm

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