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COMING UP

7/30 Walking Together - Women
8/6 Walking Together - Men
8/9 Theology Book Club

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SERVING

We aim to be a church where we all share the load. There are a variety of ways to use your gifts to love the church. The best way to get started is to scan the code to the right and fill out the form!



GIVING



We give so that we can offer the hope and rest found in Jesus to those around us. Thank you for joining with us and investing in this important work! You can scan the code to give online anytime or drop a donation in the box on our Welcome Table.

Monthly Budget Goal: \$18,500

July Giving MTD: \$7,516.76

APP

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COVENANT GRACE
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Liturgy

Call to Worship

God gathers his people to care for them and receive their worship.

from Psalm 118

¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

⁵ Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me free.

⁶ The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?

⁷ The LORD is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.

⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my
redeemer;
There is no more for heaven now to
give.

He is my joy, my righteousness,
and freedom;
My steadfast love,
my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to his;
Oh how strange and divine,
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven.
The future sure, the price
it has been paid;
For Jesus bled and
suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to
overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released,
I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken;
For by my side, the Savior He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd
will defend me,
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that
He will bring me home.
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

The Lord's Supper

God gives his people the sign of their New Covenant union with Christ.

Doxology

God's people praise Him in light of all they have received.

Benediction

God sends His people out with His blessing.

Jude 24–25 - Now to him who is able to keep you from
stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence
of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion,
and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

The Apostle's Creed

God's people confess the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ,
His only begotten 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.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
AMEN.

"catholic" means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

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| What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong. Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. | What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood. Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? |
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O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
then sin and death will be destroyed;
And we will feast in endless joy
when Christ is ours forevermore.

The Law of God

God requires righteousness of all people.

Romans 12:9–21 - Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Confession of Sin

God's people acknowledge their sin before Him.

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven. We have tried to heal ourselves. Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ, we have tried to work off our guilt. We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins. When this doesn't work, we quickly turn to denial and distraction. Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have tried to change through our own efforts. We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower. This has left some of us arrogant. This has left most of us anxious and depressed. Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves. Forgive us for neglecting your grace. Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God shows his people mercy and grace in Jesus Christ

Matthew 11:28–29 - Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God,
is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart
and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone,
from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections,
and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy
I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me
to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness,
my spirits revive,
And He that first made me
still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more
than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel
its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness,
I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise
of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies,
Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love
of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit,
Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon,
and righteousness mine.

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight,
when He comes at last!

Prayer

After the Pastor leads us in prayer for our church and community, pray together as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

Sermon - Matthew 26:30-46
God proclaims His word to His people.