

# WORSHIP SUPPLEMENT

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Today in Worship: "Restored" 1 Peter 5:1-11

9/20/26

*God, let your light shine through me so that others can know you.*

## WORSHIP

**"UN | EXPECTED JESUS" Sermon Series begins September 27** People tend to expect Jesus to applaud people of great faith. What is unexpected is what Jesus means by faith. In moments when Jesus was not giving prepared remarks, but interacting with people, we see him single out some surprising people. The way Jesus interacted with unexpected people gives us a clearer picture of who Jesus is and what Jesus valued, which influences what we offer Jesus in return. Join us for this 5-week series.

A full sermon synopsis can be found [HERE](#).

## CONNECT

**Six-Week Centering Prayer Sessions** Join us for a six-week introduction to Centering Prayer, a simple, contemplative practice of quieting our minds and opening ourselves to God's presence.

On Sunday mornings from 8:00–8:45am each week, September 27 – November 1, we'll be meeting in Room 110 at the CLC, and together, we'll learn about the practice of Centering Prayer and spend time experiencing it in community.

We'll be using *Centering Prayer: Sitting Quietly in God's Presence Can Change Your Life* by Brian D. Russell as a resource for the six weeks. You're welcome to purchase the book, but reading the book is optional. You're also welcome to simply come, learn about the practice, and experience it for yourself. We'll have a few extra copies available on the first day for anyone who would like one.

No experience necessary. No preparation required. Just come, be still, and make space for God.

## RESPOND

**September Mission of the Month: Basic Personal Essentials For Bidwell Pantry & Joppa** For our September Mission of the Month, we are collecting monetary and physical donations of requested basic personal care essentials: deodorant, toilet paper, toothpaste, laundry pods, and soap (either bar or body wash) for Bidwell Pantry AND body wipes, hand sanitizer, tissues (small packages), and batteries (AA & AAA) for Joppa. Personal care products are often in short supply at local agencies, yet are vital for maintaining healthy hygiene and dignity. Please bring items to the gray Mission of the Month tubs at your worship location or give monetarily by writing "September Mission of the Month" in your check memo, or [give online](#).

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children (3 years - 5th grade) are invited to Sunday School Uptown at 9:00am & at the CLC at 9:00 & 10:30am.

**NURSERY CARE:** Nursery care is available during worship.

**YOUTH:** Our youth group meets at the CLC every Wednesday through the school year, 6-12th Grades at 6:30-7:30pm.

**SPORTS & FITNESS:** Visit our [registration page](#) for the latest sports & fitness opportunities that you can register to participate in!

[ONLINE PRAYER AND CARE REQUEST FORM](#)

### IN-PERSON WORSHIP TIMES

Uptown: 9:00 & 10:30am (Traditional)

CLC: 9:00 & 10:30am (Contemporary)

### ONLINE BROADCAST TIMES

CLC (9:00 & 10:30am) & Uptown (9:00am)

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