

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another

Matthew 28:18

*Then Jesus came to them and said,
All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.*

HYMN 511 ~ VICTORY IN JESUS

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

**O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever,
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.**

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing,
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

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PRAYER

HYMN 357 ~ HE'S EVERYTHING TO ME

In the stars His handiwork I see, on the wind He speaks with majesty,
Though He ruleth over land and sea, what is that to me?

I will celebrate Nativity for it has a place in history,
Sure, He came to set His people free, what is that to me?

Till by faith I met Him face to face, and I felt the wonder of His grace,
Then I knew that He was more than just a God who didn't care,

Who lived away out there,
And now He walks beside me day by day,
Ever watching o'er me lest I stray,
Helping me to find that narrow way,
He's everything to me.

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AS THE DEER

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You;
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.

***You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.***

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy;
You alone are the real Joy Giver,
And the Apple of my eye.

You're my Friend and You are my Brother,
Even though You are a King;
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.

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HYMN 363 ~ TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS (1, 3)

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

***Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.***

His word shall not fail you He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

Offering

I'LL FLY AWAY

Prayer

THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS

Matthew 21:23-32

I. THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS (21:23-27)

A. The Works of Jesus (23)

- 1. The Teaching of Jesus (23a)*
- 2. The Testing of Jesus (23b)*

a. The Sign of His Authority

b. The Source of His Authority

B. The Witness of John (24-27a)

- 1. The Question (24-25a)*
- 2. The Quandary (25b-27a)*

C. The Wonder about Jesus (27b)

II. THE ATTITUDE TOWARD JESUS (21:28-32)

A. Faithfulness to the Father (28-31a)

- 1. Engaging the Mind (28a)*
- 2. Exposing the Heart (28b-30)*
- 3. Enacting the Will (31)*

B. Fruitfulness of Faith (31b-32)

- 1. The Experience of Faith (31b)*
- 2. The Example of Faith (32a)*
- 3. The Eradication of Faith (32b)*

HYMN 17 ~ GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (1, 3)
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Announcements

Missions Fund Offering: *October 18*

The Missions Committee would like to designate today's offering for the Missions Fund. The committee uses the gifts and pledges from that offering to disburse funds to our Missionary family for the coming year.

Men's Fellowship: *October 21, 7:00 am*

Men's Fellowship meets on Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. We meet at 7:00 a.m. and will begin our study with 1 John 4:13.

Heavenly Heartbeats: *October 21, 5:30 pm*

Heavenly Heartbeats will resume meeting on Wednesday evening, October 21. We will be studying *The Names of God - A study on who God is and what He calls us to be*. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fall Festival/Chili Lunch: *October 25, 11:00 am*

We are planning a Fall Festival/Chili Lunch for October 25. The Chili Lunch will take place before our Annual Meeting and the Fall Festival for the kids will take place during the Annual Meeting. Please bring a crockpot of chili and your favorite dessert to complement the chili. Fritos and shredded cheese will be provided.

Annual Meeting: *October 25, 12:00 pm*

This year's Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, October 25, following the Chili Lunch (around noon). Please have reports for the Annual Meeting to the church office by *October 21*.

Willow Coffee Bible Study: *October 26, 4:30 pm*

We will be starting the Willow Coffee Bible Study, Monday, October 26 at 4:30 p.m. We will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Home Bible Study: *October 27, 5:30 pm*

The Home Bible Study will meet on October 27. We meet in different homes, so please check with Pastor Tolson.

Offerings

Thank you very much for your faithful giving. Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at www.iechurch.org.