

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another

Psalm 138:3, 8

*When I called, you answered me;
you made me bold and stouthearted.
8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your love, O LORD, endures forever –
do not abandon the works of your hands.*

HYMN 59 ~ BLESSED BE THE NAME (1, 2, 4)

All praise to Him who reigns above, in majesty supreme,
Who gave His Son for man to die,
That He might man redeem!

***Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.***

His name above all names shall stand,
Exalted more and more,
At God the Father's own right hand,
Where angel hosts adore.

His name shall be the Counselor,
The mighty Prince of Peace,
Of all earth's kingdoms Conqueror,
Whose reign shall never cease.

PRAYER

HYMN 162 ~ WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge -
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do Thy friends despise, forsake Thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

HYMN 57 ~ JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

Jesus, name above all names;
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us;
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HYMN 105 ~ THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name.
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all heaven and earth proclaim;
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name.

(a Capella)

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Offering

HYMN 294 ~ I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands.
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand.

*Than to be the king of a vast domain
Or be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.*

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame.
I'd rather be true to His holy name.

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom;
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs.
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead.

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Prayer

SENSING GOD'S POWER

Matthew 11:7-15

I. THE PERSPECTIVE ABOUT JOHN (11:7-8)

- A. For the Crowd (7a)
- B. For Clarification (7b~8)

1. Question 1 (7b)

2. Question 2 (8)

II. THE PRAISE FOR JOHN (11:9-11)

- A. Clarifies John's Purpose (9~10)
- B. Confirms John's Praiseworthiness (11)

III. THE PURPOSE OF JOHN (11:12-15)

- A. Advancing the Kingdom (12)
- B. Addressing the Kingdom (13)
- C. Accepting the Kingdom (14~15)

HYMN 295 ~ BLESSED ASSURANCE (1, 3)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood!

***This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.***

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Announcements

Board Meeting: *September 14, 11:00 am*

The Church Board will meet following this morning's Worship Service in the Library.

Men's Fellowship: *September 17, 7:00 am*

Men's Fellowship meets on Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. We meet at 7:00 a.m. and are continuing a study of the life of David in 2 Samuel 7.

Heavenly Heartbeats: *September 17, 5:30 pm*

Heavenly Heartbeats meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Contact Arlene Weimer if you would like to join the study. You will need the workbook *From Beginning to Forever*.

Willow Women's Bible Study: *September 22, 4:30 pm*

The Willow Women's Bible Study will meet on September 22. Please visit with Heidi if you are interested in joining this study so that you can get a workbook.

Home Bible Study: *September 23, 5:30 pm*

The Home Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. We meet in different homes, so please check with Pastor Tolson if you are interested in joining. We are continuing our study of Philippians with Chapter 8 in our workbook.

Ladies Let's Talk: *September 26, 5:30 pm*

"Ladies Let's Talk" is focused on Equipping and Empowering to Protect our Families and Stand for Truth. Madysen Griffith DeHerrera is a Licensed Social Worker and Adolescent Therapist working with justice involved youth and will be sharing about all things technology, keeping children safe and parenting in today's digital age from a place of victory and authority. There will be Snacks and Fellowship from 5:30-6:00 and then the Program and Q&A from 6:00-7:00.

Offerings

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