CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Chronicles 5:13

Leader: The trumpeters and singers performed together in unison to praise and give thanks to the Lord. They raised their voices and praised the Lord with these words: "He is good! His faithful love endures forever!"

&Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand; Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth low; Let the ire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through; Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side: Songs of praises, songs of praises *I will ever give to thee.*

#INVOCATION

CONFESSION & PARDON

Psalm 86:5-6 Psalm 103:1-3

People: O Lord, You are forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on You. Hear my prayer and listen to my plea for grace.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits—who forgives all your sins.

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross. The love of Christ proclaim, Till all the world adores His sacred name.

Come, brethren, follow Where our Savior trod. Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Led on their way By this triumphant sign, The hosts of God In conquering ranks combine.

O Lord, once lifted On the glorious tree, As Thou hast promised, Draw men onto Thee.

Thy kingdom come, That earth's despair may cease Beneath the shadow Of its healing peace.

From Thy Blest Cross, Which doth for us atone. Creation's praises Rise before Thy throne.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Belgic Confession Article 17 **Leader:** What do you believe about the recovery of

fallen man?

People: We believe that God, by His marvelous wisdom and goodness, seeing that man had plunged himself into physical and spiritual death, set out to find him, comfort him, giving him His Son to "crush the head of the serpent", and to make him blessed.

PASTORAL PRAYER

&Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend: Who would have thought that a Lamb Could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace; You offer hope when our hearts have Hopelessly lost the way; Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for; *Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us Falling before Your throne; Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (refrain)

The church from her dear Master Received the gift divine, And still that light she lifteth O'er all the earth to shine. It is the golden casket, Where gems of truth are stored; It is the heav'n drawn picture. Of Christ, the living Word.

It floateth like a banner Before God's host unfurled; It shineth like a beacon Above the darkling world. It is the chart and compass That o'er life's surging sea, 'Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

O make your church, dear Saviour, A lamp of purest gold, To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old. 0 teach thy wandering pilgrims

By this their path to trace, Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see you face to face.

*READING OF THE WORD

Colossians 1:1-14

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD Rev. Bud Griffith The Lordship of Jesus Over All of Creation, Part 2

&DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow: Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#All I have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way; The sin that promised joy and life Had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would own A rebel to Your will, And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost, You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross. And I beheld God's love displayed: You suffered in my place. You bore the wrath reserved for me; Now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah, all I have is Christ! Hallelujah, Jesus is my life!

Now Lord, I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see The strength to follow Your commands Could never come from me. O Father, use my ransomed life In any way You choose, And let my song forever be: "My only boast is You!"

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Fellowship Dinner after the morning worship service. The church will be providing chicken fingers and drinks. You all bring sides, salads, and desserts and anything else you'd like.

The Letter of Paul to the Colossians: Paul wrote this letter to the church in Colossae about AD 60 to counteract false teachers. These teachers were trying to impose strict rules about eating and drinking and religious festivals and were advocating the worship of angels. Paul shows the superiority of Christ over all human philosophies and traditions. He also writes of the deity of Christ and of the reconciliation that He accomplished with His shed blood. He also explains the right way of living in this world is to focus on heavenly things and not earthly things. God's chosen people are to leave their sinful lives behind as Jesus is both Savior and Lord of our lives.

The Women's Bible study group on Mark is meeting: July 15 - Chapters 16 & 17 and Aug. 5 Chapter 18 and conclusion. There is no July 1 meeting. Meeting time 10 a.m. Please contact Deb Redding with questions.

The Tuesday Morning Study Group will conclude the Dr. Thomas video series, *Imprisoned: Faith in all Circumstances* in July, meeting the 16th, and 23rd.

Wonderful Wednesday Dinner will not be meeting in July. We encourage Home Groups to take time in their meetings to pray for our missionaries. We'll resume the dinner on the first Wednesday of the month in August.

Sunday School We are studying the book of Revelation and our study is entitled: Blessed Hope. The book of Revelation offers a rich vision of blessing and encouragement to God's people in every generation. In this teaching series, Dr. W. Robert Godfrey guides you through the book of Revelation chapter by chapter, clears away confusion, offers practical insight, and equips you for a new and worshipful encounter with the risen and returning King.

Home Care Groups! If you are interested in being part of a Home Group for 2024 fill out the signup sheet on the back table.

Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. See Deon Louw for details.

Please be praying for the Dementia Care Seminar coming this July 27.

Greer Community Ministries: Our focus for 2024 is canned chicken and fish. We will of course accept other nonperishable items but that's our main focus for the year. Thank you for your generosity!

Miracle Hill Overcomers: Please remember to bring coffee and dry coffee supplies for the Overcomers. There is a marked box in the kitchen. Thank you for your generosity.

Please pray for our missionaries. Calvary Home for Children; Frontline Missions India (George); Frontline Missions China (Hansen); Miracle Hill; Peru Missions; Reformed University Fellowship; Christians Teaching Christians

Opportunities for worship, edification and fellowship:

- Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 a.m.
- Women's Bible Study and Fellowship, meets the first and third Monday morning of the month at the church. See Jenny Spears for details.
- Tuesday morning Bible Study and Fellowship meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. The last Tuesday of each month is set aside for a time of fellowship and we go to breakfast or lunch. See Doug Redding for details.
- Wonderful Wednesday Dinner meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the church.
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets the 2nd Saturday of each month here at the church at 8:00 a.m. See Tom Pratt for details.

THE LORD'S DAY

WORSHIP

Season of Rentecost

July 21, 2024 10:30 a.m.

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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