



SOUTH CLT PRES CHURCH

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Worship Service

Welcome

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Call to Worship

Pastoral Intern Felipe Heringer

Psalm 34:1-6

LEADER: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

PEOPLE: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

LEADER: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

ALL: Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

Worship in Song

HYMN OF JOY

JOYFUL JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE
GOD OF GLORY, LORD OF LOVE
HEARTS UNFOLD LIKE FLOWERS BEFORE THEE
OP'NING TO THE SUN ABOVE
MELT THE CLOUDS OF SIN AND SADNESS
DRIVE THE DARK OF DOUBT A - WAY
GIVER OF IMMORTAL GLADNESS
FILL US WITH THE LIGHT OF DAY

REJOICE, REJOICE, EMANUEL
YOUR LOVE HAS COME HERE TO DWELL

ALL THY WORKS WITH JOY SURROUND THEE
EARTH AND HEAVEN REFLECT THY RAYS
STARS AND ANGELS SING AROUND THEE
CENTER OF UNBROKEN PRAISE
FIELD AND FOREST, VALE AND MOUNTAIN
FLOWERY MEADOW, FLASHING SEA
SINGING BIRD AND FLOWING FOUNTAIN
CALL US TO REJOICE IN THEE

MORTALS JOIN THE HAPPY CHORUS
WHICH THE MORNING STARS BEGAN
FATHER LOVE IS REIGNING O'ER US
BROTHER LOVE BINDS MAN TO MAN
EVER SINGING, MARCH WE ONWARD
VICTORS IN THE MIDST OF STRIFE
JOYFUL MUSIC LEADS US SUNWARD
IN THE TRIUMPH SONG OF LIFE

YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS
NOTHING CAN SEPARATE
EVEN IF I RAN AWAY
YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS
I KNOW I STILL MAKE MISTAKES BUT
YOU HAVE NEW MERCIES FOR ME EV'RYDAY
YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS

(AND) YOU STAY THE SAME THROUGH THE AGES
YOUR LOVE NEVER CHANGES
THERE MAY BE PAIN IN THE NIGHT
BUT JOY COMES IN THE MORNING
AND WHEN THE OCEANS RAGE
I DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID
BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU LOVE ME
(YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS)

THE WIND IS STRONG AND THE WATER'S DEEP
BUT I'M NOT ALONE HERE IN THESE OPEN SEAS
YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS
THE CHASM IS FAR TOO WIDE
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D REACH THE OTHER SIDE
YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS

YOU MAKE ALL THINGS
WORK TOGETHER FOR MY GOOD
YOU MAKE ALL THINGS
WORK TOGETHER FOR MY GOOD

CANVAS AND CLAY

IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB
YOU FORMED ME WITH YOUR HANDS
KNOWN AND LOVED BY YOU
BEFORE I TOOK A BREATH
WHEN I DOUBT IT LORD REMIND ME
I'M WONDERFULLY MADE
YOU'RE AN ARTIST AND A POTTER
I'M THE CANVAS AND THE CLAY

(AND) YOU MAKE ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER
FOR MY FUTURE AND FOR MY GOOD
YOU MAKE ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER
FOR YOUR GLORY AND FOR YOUR NAME

THERE'S A HEALING LIGHT
JUST BEYOND THE CLOUDS
THOUGH I'VE WALKED THROUGH FIRE
I SEE CLEARLY NOW
I KNOW NOTHING HAS BEEN WASTED
NO FAILURE OR MISTAKE
YOU'RE AN ARTIST AND A POTTER
I'M THE CANVAS AND THE CLAY

WHEN I DOUBT IT LORD REMIND ME
I'M WONDERFULLY MADE
YOU'RE AN ARTIST AND A POTTER
I'M THE CANVAS AND THE CLAY
I KNOW NOTHING HAS BEEN WASTED
NO FAILURE OR MISTAKE
YOU'RE AN ARTIST AND A POTTER
I'M THE CANVAS AND THE CLAY

YOU'RE NOT FINISHED WITH ME
YOU'RE NOT FINISHED WITH ME YET

Scripture Reading

Pastoral Intern Rob Jones

Acts 15:36-16:10

And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. He was well spoken of by the brothers[b] at Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul[c] had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastoral Intern Rob Jones

The Task of a Thriving Church

Thriving Church

Acts 15:1-21

1. A Thriving Church Recognizes the Reality of Conflict (15:36-41)
2. A Thriving Church Pursues the Lost with Flexibility (16:1-5)
3. A Thriving Church Embraces the Sovereignty of God (16:6-10)

Confession of Faith

Pastor Josh Creason

Westminster Confession of Faith 26.1

Of the Communion of the Saints...

ALL: All saints that are united to Jesus Christ their head, by his Spirit and by faith, have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

Lord's Supper

Pastor Josh Creason

Song of Response

YOUR NAME
AS MORNING DAWNS AND EVENING FADES
YOU INSPIRE SONGS OF PRAISE
THAT RISE FROM EARTH TO TOUCH YOUR HEART
AND GLORIFY YOUR NAME

YOUR NAME IS A STRONG AND MIGHTY TOWER
YOUR NAME IS A SHELTER LIKE NO OTHER
YOUR NAME LET THE NATIONS SING IT LOUDER
'CAUSE NOTHING HAS THE POWER TO SAVE
BUT YOUR NAME

JESUS IN YOUR NAME WE PRAY
COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS TODAY
LORD GIVE US STRENGTH TO LIVE FOR YOU
AND GLORIFY YOUR NAME

Benediction

Pastor Josh Creason