



# SOUTH CLT PRES CHURCH

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**

Worship Service

**Welcome**

Meredith Ng

**Call to Worship**

Pastoral Intern Rob Jones

*Psalm 133*

LEADER: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

**PEOPLE: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!**

**ALL: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

**Worship in Song**

DEATH WAS ARRESTED

ALONE IN MY SORROW AND DEAD IN MY SIN  
LOST WITHOUT HOPE WITH NO PLACE TO BEGIN  
YOUR LOVE MADE A WAY TO LET MERCY COME IN  
WHEN DEATH WAS ARRESTED AND MY LIFE BEGAN

ASH WAS REDEEMED ONLY BEAUTY REMAINS  
MY ORPHAN HEART WAS GIVEN A NAME  
MY MOURNING GREW QUIET MY FEET ROSE TO DANCE  
WHEN DEATH WAS ARRESTED AND MY LIFE BEGAN

OH YOUR GRACE SO FREE WASHES OVER ME  
YOU HAVE MADE ME NEW NOW LIFE BEGINS WITH YOU  
IT'S YOUR ENDLESS LOVE POURING DOWN ON US  
YOU HAVE MADE US NEW NOW LIFE BEGINS WITH YOU

RELEASED FROM MY CHAINS I'M A PRIS'NER NO MORE  
MY SHAME WAS A RANSOM HE FAITHFULLY BORE  
HE CANCELLED MY DEBT AND HE CALLED ME HIS FRIEND  
WHEN DEATH WAS ARRESTED AND MY LIFE BEGAN

OUR SAVIOR DISPLAYED ON A CRIMINAL'S CROSS  
DARKNESS REJOICED AS THOUGH HEAVEN HAD LOST  
BUT THEN JESUS AROSE WITH OUR FREEDOM IN HAND  
THAT'S WHEN DEATH WAS ARRESTED AND MY LIFE BEGAN

OH WE'RE FREE FREE FOREVER WE'RE FREE  
COME JOIN THE SONG OF ALL THE REDEEMED  
YES WE'RE FREE FREE FOREVER AMEN  
WHEN DEATH WAS ARRESTED AND MY LIFE BEGAN

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE  
MINE ARE DAYS THAT GOD HAS NUMBERED  
I WAS MADE TO WALK WITH HIM  
YET I LOOK FOR WORLDLY TREASURE  
AND FORSAKE THE KING OF KINGS  
BUT MINE IS HOPE IN MY REDEEMER  
THOUGH I FALL, HIS LOVE IS SURE  
FOR CHRIST HAS PAID FOR EVERY FAILING  
I AM HIS FOREVERMORE

MINE ARE TEARS IN TIMES OF SORROW  
DARKNESS NOT YET UNDERSTOOD  
THROUGH THE VALLEY I MUST TRAVEL  
WHERE I SEE NO EARTHLY GOOD  
BUT MINE IS PEACE THAT FLOWS FROM HEAVEN  
AND THE STRENGTH IN TIMES OF NEED  
I KNOW MY PAIN WILL NOT BE WASTED  
CHRIST COMPLETES HIS WORK IN ME

MINE ARE DAYS HERE AS A STRANGER  
PILGRIM ON A NARROW WAY  
ONE WITH CHRIST I WILL ENCOUNTER  
HARM AND HATRED FOR HIS NAME  
BUT MINE IS ARMOUR FOR THIS BATTLE  
STRONG ENOUGH TO LAST THE WAR  
AND HE HAS SAID HE WILL DELIVER  
SAFELY TO THE GOLDEN SHORE

AND MINE ARE KEYS TO ZION CITY  
WHERE BESIDE THE KING I WALK  
FOR THERE MY HEART HAS FOUND ITS TREASURE  
CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

COME REJOICE NOW, O MY SOUL  
FOR HIS LOVE IS MY REWARD  
FEAR IS GONE AND HOPE IS SURE  
CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE!

AND MINE ARE KEYS TO ZION CITY  
WHERE BESIDE THE KING I WALK  
FOR THERE MY HEART HAS FOUND ITS TREASURE  
CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE  
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## Giving

Pastoral Intern Rob Jones

## Pastoral Prayer

Ruling Elder Kyle Musgrove

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Pastor Josh Creason

*Acts 15:22-35*

Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers, with the following letter: "The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the brothers who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you[d] with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has

been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell."

So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement. And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words. And after they had spent some time, they were sent off in peace by the brothers to those who had sent them. But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Pastor Josh Creason

Gospel Community

*Thriving Church: A Sermon Series in Acts*

*Acts 15:22-35*

1. United in the Gospel (vv.22-23, 25-28)
2. Free because of the Gospel (vv.28-31)
3. Encouraged by the Gospel (vv.32-35)

## Song of Response

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

YOU WERE THE WORD AT THE BEGINNING

ONE WITH GOD THE LORD MOST HIGH

YOUR HIDDEN GLORY IN CREATION

NOW REVEALED IN YOU OUR CHRIST

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME IT IS

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME IT IS

THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST MY KING  
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME IT IS  
NOTHING COMPARES TO THIS  
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME IT IS  
THE NAME OF JESUS  
YOU DIDN'T WANT HEAVEN WITHOUT US  
SO JESUS YOU BROUGHT HEAVEN DOWN  
MY SIN WAS GREAT  
YOUR LOVE WAS GREATER  
WHAT COULD SEPARATE US NOW?

WHAT A WONDERFUL NAME IT IS  
WHAT A WONDERFUL NAME IT IS  
THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST MY KING  
WHAT A WONDERFUL NAME IT IS  
NOTHING COMPARES TO THIS  
WHAT A WONDERFUL NAME IT IS  
THE NAME OF JESUS

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD YOU  
THE VEIL TORE BEFORE YOU  
YOU SILENCE THE BOAST OF SIN AND GRAVE  
THE HEAVENS ARE ROARING THE PRAISE OF YOUR GLORY  
FOR YOU ARE RAISED TO LIFE AGAIN  
YOU HAVE NO RIVAL, YOU HAVE NO EQUAL  
NOW AND FOREVER GOD YOU REIGN  
YOURS IS THE KINGDOM, YOURS IS THE GLORY  
YOURS IS THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

WHAT A POWERFUL NAME IT IS  
WHAT A POWERFUL NAME IT IS  
THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST MY KING  
WHAT A POWERFUL NAME IT IS  
NOTHING COMPARES TO THIS  
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**Call and Explanation**

Pastor Josh Creason

**Pronouncements and Declaration**

Pastor Josh Creason

**Charge to Elder**

Ruling Elder Kyle Musgrove

**Charge to Congregation**

Ruling Elder Joe Spencer

**Worship in Song**

GOODNESS OF GOD

I LOVE YOU LORD  
OH YOUR MERCY NEVER FAILS ME  
ALL MY DAYS  
I'VE BEEN HELD IN YOUR HANDS  
FROM THE MOMENT THAT I WAKE UP  
UNTIL I LAY MY HEAD  
I WILL SING OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD

ALL MY LIFE YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL  
ALL MY LIFE YOU HAVE BEEN SO SO GOOD  
WITH EVERY BREATH THAT I AM ABLE  
I WILL SING OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD

I LOVE YOUR VOICE  
YOU HAVE LED ME THROUGH THE FIRE  
IN DARKEST NIGHT  
YOU ARE CLOSE LIKE NO OTHER  
I'VE KNOWN YOU AS A FATHER  
I'VE KNOWN YOU AS A FRIEND  
I HAVE LIVED IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD

YOUR GOODNESS IS RUNNING AFTER  
IT'S RUNNING AFTER ME  
YOUR GOODNESS IS RUNNING AFTER  
IT'S RUNNING AFTER ME  
WITH MY LIFE LAID DOWN

I'M SURRENDERED NOW  
I GIVE YOU EVERYTHING  
YOUR GOODNESS IS RUNNING AFTER  
IT'S RUNNING AFTER ME

**Benediction**

Pastor Josh Creason