

Worship Service for August 17, 2025

Welcome and Announcements - Lisa Catapano-Friedman

Thursday ~ Job study at 2:30 pm at FBC
Prudential meeting 4:30 at FBC

Sunday ~ This is Pastor Rebecca' & Matt's final worship service. Come and share your prayers and well wishes for them.

Looking Ahead ~

There will be a church business meeting here at church following the worship service on September 7, 2025 for the following purposes:

1. To vote on the proposed new governance for the church board known as the "Church Leadership Council" (CLC)
2. Discuss construction and temporary relocation plans,
3. To hear, discuss and act upon any other business proper to come before the congregation.

September 9 - Prayer group & Book study via zoom starts up. The book they will be studying: "You were born for this" by Bruce Wilkinson. Please let Pastor Theresa know if you want to be added to the group.

~ Celebrations ~

Happy Birthday to:
Linda Bushee 17th; Rose Solomon 18th;
Joshua Paine 20th; Jim Comar 23rd.

Happy anniversary to:
Russ & Glenna Taxter 17th; Joe & Lindy Mylot 17th;
Dan & Peggy Brockett 18th.

Thank you to Carol Lattuga for the flowers in loving memory of Charles Moore.

Word of Preparation - Lisa Catapano-Friedman

Prelude ~ Please join in singing "Above All"

Verse 1

Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

Verse 2

Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure
What You're worth

Chorus

Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

Repeat Verses 1 & 2

Chorus 2x

You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

Lenny LeBlanc, Paul Baloche
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Call to Worship ~ Ministry Matters

Each one of us here is different.
We are unique individuals.
We come from various backgrounds.

We come with differing needs and dreams.

Yet the Lord calls us to worship in unity.

Praise be to God who blesses our diversity and our unity.

Though we come from different circumstances

The Lord will make us one in worship.

Though we have traveled different paths of
struggles and successes

The Lord will make us one in healing.

Though each one of us has struggles and strife, as well as joy

The Lord will make us one in hope.

Hymn - 205 Red Hymnal
Have you any room for Jesus?

Verse one
Have you any room for Jesus
He who bore your load of sin?
Oh, he knocks and asked admission,
sinner will you let him in?

Refrain
Room for Jesus, king of glory!
Hasen now his word obey;
swing the hard door widely open,
bid him enter while you may.

Verse two
Room for pleasure, room for business,
but for Christ, the crucified;
not a place that he can enter,
in the heart for which he died? Refrain

Verse three
Have you any room for Jesus,
as in grace he calls again?
Oh today is time accepted,
tomorrow you may call in vain. Refrain

Verse four

Room, and time now give to Jesus,
soon will pass God's day of grace;
soon die hard, cold and silent,
and I save yours, pleading cease. Refrain.

Praying Together ~

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come. Thy 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 Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory

forever,

Amen

Song - Forever

Verse 1
Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2
With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

Chorus 2x

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Intro to sermon - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Scripture text - Acts 11:19-30 NIV -
Lisa Catapano- Friedman

¹⁹Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. ²⁰Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

²²News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

²⁵Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

²⁷During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.)

²⁹The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. ³⁰This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Sermon - "Different, yet the same." -
Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Song - Everything Is Beautiful

Intro

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Red and yellow black and white
They are precious in His sight
Jesus loves the little children
Of the world

Chorus

Ev'rything is beautiful
In its own way
Like a starry summer night
Or a snow-covered winter's day
Ev'rybody's beautiful
In their own way
Under God's heaven
The world's gonna find a way

Verse 1

There is none so blind
As he who will not see
We must not close our minds
We must let our thoughts be free
For every hour that passes by
you know The world gets a little bit older
It's time to realize that beauty lies
In the eyes of the beholder

Chorus

Verse 2

We shouldn't care about
The length of his hair
Or the color of his skin
Don't worry about
What shows from without
But the love that lives within
We gonna get it all together now
And ev'rything gonna work out fine
Just take a little time
To look on the good side my friend
And straighten it out in your mind

Chorus 2x

Under God's heaven The world's gonna find a way

Ray Stevens
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Benediction - Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is
there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Purpos:

To share the love of Jesus.

Vision:

Beacon of hope, welcoming all.

Mission:

Worship God, Follow Jesus, Rely on the Holy Spirit, and Love
Everyone.



*...The disciples were called Christians first at
Antioch.
Acts 11:26c*