

## 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  
CCLI Song #2672885

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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

Chris Tomlin  
CCLI Song #3148428  
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Intro to sermon - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

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

<sup>19</sup>Now 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. <sup>20</sup>Some 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. <sup>21</sup>The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

<sup>22</sup>News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup>When 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. <sup>24</sup>He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

<sup>25</sup>Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup>and 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.

<sup>27</sup>During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup>One 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.)

<sup>29</sup>The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. <sup>30</sup>This 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:**

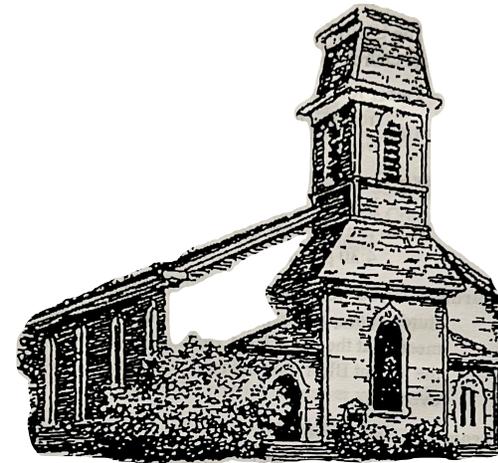
To share the love of Jesus.

**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*