Worship Service for September 7, 2025

Welcome and Announcements......Jim West

Upcoming Events

Thanks for all the work that has been done to prepare for the construction. It is awesome! Please continue to pray for the construction.

TodayThere will be a church business meeting here at church following the worship service 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.

Monday. Pastor Theresa will be having office hours. The office door will be open: Monday - Noon - 4pm; Tuesday - 9am - 1pm; Wednesday- 9am - 1pm.

Tuesday.......Prayer group & Book study via zoom starts up. The book they will be studying: "You were born for this" by Bruce Wilkinson. They will be doing ch. 1-3. Please let Pastor Theresa know if you want to be added to the group

Pastor Theresa and the deacons will be starting Home Communion the third Sunday of every month. If you know of anyone who would love a visit, let Pastor Theresa know.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

Emily Stevens on Thursday

Thank you to Jim West for the flowers in loving memory of his father Lewis West

Word of Preparation - Jim West

Prelude ~ "Sons and Daughters"

Verse 1
Before He spoke creation
The God of Heaven knew my name
We're Formed in His reflection
We are His glory on display

Pre-Chorus

And His heart is good, He is always kind With a cross He proved, He is on my side

Chorus

We are the sons we are the daughters of God No matter where we go, we're close to the Father's heart And though we stumble He will not let us fall We are the Lord's and He will never forsake His own We are the sons, we are the daughters of God

Verse 2

His love He lavished on us, And called us children of the King And in His loving kindness, He chose the lowly and the weak

Pre-Chorus Chorus

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Call to Worship - Jim West

Who are you?

I am a child of God.

Who are we?

We are the children of God, the family of faith.

What does it mean to be children of God?

We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own. In life and in death we belong to God.

Come! Let us worship God!

Hymn - 490 Blue Hymnal "Sister, let me be your servant"

Verse 1

Sister, let me be your servant, brother. Let me walk with you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Verse 2

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travelers on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

Verse 3

I will weep when you are weeping when you laugh I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey Thro'.m

Verse 4

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, Born of all we've known together of great love and agony. Verse 5

Brother, let me be your servant, sister, let me walk with you; Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

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

Hymn #486 in the Blue Hymnal.

Who is my mother, who is my brother?

Verse 1

Who is my mother, who is my brother? All those who gather round Jesus Christ Spirit blown people, born from the gospel, sit at the table round Jesus Christ.

Verse 2

Differently abled, differently labeled, widen the circle round Jesus Christ? Crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas, all come together round Jesus Christ.

Verse 3

Love will relate us, color or status, can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ. Family failings, human derailing, all are accepted round Jesus Christ.

Verse 4

Bound by one vision, meant for one mission, we claim each other round Jesus Christ Here is my mother here is my brother, kindred in spirit through Jesus Christ

Intro to sermon - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Scripture text - Rom 8:14-17; Gal 3:26-29; Matt 12:48-50; Gal 4:4-7; 1 John 4:20-21; - Jim West

Rom 8:14-17 14For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Gal 3:26-29 26So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Matt 12:48-50 48He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" 49Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. 50For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Gal 4:4-7 4But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. 6Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

7So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

1 John 4:20-21 20Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 21And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Sermon - "We are the church: A family, not a building." - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

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

Communion

Good Good Father

Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories Of what they think You're like But I've heard the tender whisper Of love in the dead of night You tell me that You're pleased And that I'm never alone

Chorus
You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am

It's who I am

Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers Far and wide But I know we're all searching for answers Only You provide Because You know just what we need Before we say a word

Chorus

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Verse 3

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still Into love love love

Chorus Bridge 2x

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Benediction

"I'm not what I do.
I'm not what I have.
I'm not what people say about me.
I am the beloved of God. It's who I am.
No one can take it from me.
I don't have to hurry. I don't have to worry. I can trust my friend Jesus and share His love with the world."
Jefferson Bethke

Purpose:

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.



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