



For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but
Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your
servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

May 11, 2025

SUNDAY TIMES

7:45am	Prayer
8:15am	Worship
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- Room 158: The Minor Prophets
- Room 167: Romans
- Room 168: Judges

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

(resumes in September)

5:00pm	Soli Deo Gloria
5:30pm	Meal
6:00pm	NextGen & Youth
6:15pm	Adult Choir
6:30pm	Adult Groups

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship is the heart and soul of the church; we are made for exalting Christ. We are intentional to invite everyone each Lord’s Day to encounter the living Christ in a joyful, reverent, and accessible way, receiving all the blessings of his Gospel to the praise and glory of God.

OUR IDENTITY

Vision: A community of transforming grace

Mission: Inviting everyone to love and follow Jesus

CORE VALUES

- Worship: Reverent and Relevant
- Community: Close-knit and Outward-facing
- Discipleship: Robust and Transformational
- Service: Compassionate and Bold

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

LITURGY NOTES

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column throughout the worship guide answers the "what" and "why" of the elements of our liturgy.

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, and **the part of the People will be in bold.**

This song allows us to get situated in the room and prepare our hearts for worship.

Song of Assembly:

With Me¹

God of the past and of the future,
You are faithful, always faithful.
God in my strength and in my failure,
You are faithful, always faithful.

*In every promise I can find
Your Spirit reassuring mine. You are with me.*

*You go before, You go behind
Your faithfulness on every side
You were with me then, You are with me now.
In every season I can see, Your hand of blessing over me.
You were with me then, You are with me now.
(With me now)*

God in my joy and in my sorrow,
You are faithful, always faithful.
My God who holds every tomorrow,
You are faithful, always faithful.

You were there in the darkness
You were there in the shame
You were there in the moment when I called Your name
You were there in the mourning,
You were there in the pain.
You were God in the waiting forever the same.
You are here in our worship
You are here in our praise.
You will always be with us to the end of the age.

Welcome & Announcements

Jesse Pawley, Administrative Director

Report of the Living Church

George Godwin, Ezra Worship Initiative

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Isaiah 55:1-3a, 6-7

At God's command and invitation, we
enter his presence and respond with
worship.

Worship involves the whole person:
body, soul, intellect, emotions. Singing
hymns and songs grounded in biblical
truth engages all our faculties in worship
together.

Call to Worship

LEADER: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price!

PEOPLE: **Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?**

LEADER: Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear that your soul may live!

PEOPLE: **Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near!**

LEADER: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

ALL: **Let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon!**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

For The Beauty Of The Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, mother, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Reading of the Word

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among them can declare this, and show us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, It is true. “You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and I am God. Also, henceforth I am he; here is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior
...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

ISAIAH 43:1-13

You are MY witnesses...

When we confess our sins, we agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. We confess general sins together, followed by a silent moment for personal confession.

ROMANS 8:1-2

All who confess their sins and trust in
God's mercy through Jesus Christ
believe their sins are pardoned. We
remember this truth with a weekly
Scripture assuring us of God's willing
forgiveness.

Incarnate God

Central to Christian faith is that
God who made us and the world
became as fully human as he is
God in order to rescue us from our
sinful rebellion. We do not wait
until we are better, but we trust his
incarnation as a man, his death in
our place, and now ascended
bodily back to heaven, his ongoing
prayers on our behalf.

Assurance of Forgiveness

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in
Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready, stands to save you
Full of pity, love and pow'r.

*I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.

Lo! the incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of his blood.
Venture on him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.

*I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms.
In the arms of my dear savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms.*

Praise The Lord (Psalm 150)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea,
All nature testifies Your splendor

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness All creation,
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths,
From furthest east to west,
Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord

You reached into the dust, In love, Your Spirit breathed,
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works, To tell Your mighty deeds,
To join the everlasting chorus

Let symphonies resound, Let drums and choirs ring out,
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring, Its honors to the King,
A roar of harmonies eternal

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness, All creation,
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice
Your heights and all your depths,
From furthest east to west, You distant burning stars,
All creatures near and far,
From sky to sea to shore, Sing out forevermore,
Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord

The Blessing

The Lord bless you, and keep you.
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children and their children.

May His presence go before you
And behind you and beside you.
All around you and within you,
He is with you, He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening,
In your coming and your going.
In your weeping and rejoicing.
He is for you, He is for you,
He is for you, He is for you.

Elders, responsible before God to care for
and lead the church, serve by giving
thanks for our blessings and praying for
our needs.

All we have belongs to God. One act of
worship is to acknowledge his generosity
through cheerful and sacrificial giving.

God promises to communicate with us
through the preaching of his Word. Our
trust is not in the preacher's ability, but in
the Holy Spirit using the scriptures to
engage our minds and hearts.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder George Godwin

...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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

(Immediately following this prayer, during the 10:45 service only, 4-6 year olds are invited, but not required, to attend Teach Me to Worship. They will meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary and from there, will follow them to the classroom. They will return to sit on the back row to see Communion and hear the Benediction. Parents can pick them up there at the conclusion of the service.)

His Tithes & Offerings

Sermon

When Witness Works
Acts 19:1-22 (Page 928)
Pastor Rick Stark

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(Elders will bring the bread and cup in trays to each row. Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; simply pass the regular bread to the next person and raise your hand to signal the pastor. He will bring you the gluten free bread. In each tray of drink, the clear communion cups contain juice and the purple contain wine. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

Jesus gave the Church this symbolic meal to communicate his presence and fellowship with believers. It is the family meal of Christians.

To those not taking the Supper

We're glad you're here and welcome you back any time. Take this moment to reflect on the claims made in this service and consider praying to ask God if he will persuade you of how you can know him.

How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the Rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never-failing treas'ry filled
With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

FROM ACTS 1:8

Just as God welcomed us into his presence at the beginning, now he blesses his children as we depart. We receive this blessing in faith as we trust God to do all he says he will do.

Benediction

As the power of the Holy Spirit has come upon you, so shall you be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Brian Rodgers
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt
Jason Seale
Jay Suggs
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John Elder
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CHURCH STAFF

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**VBS Child
Registration**



**VBS Volunteer
Registration**

If this is your first time joining us, we would love to get to know you better. Please use them as you are comfortable sharing. In this way, we reconnect with you and find ways that we may be able to serve you or pray for you.



CHURCH FAMILY REMINDERS

Senior Recognition Sunday

Join us Sunday, May 18 for receptions honoring our 2025 high school graduates after the 8:15 service and Sunday School in the Café. Gift tables for each graduate will be set up there. Our 2025 High School Graduates are Lilly Beth Cress, Guille Gonzalez, Madeline McMahan, Margaret Rodgers, Drew Smith, and Jackson Stephens.

Ezra Welcome

Our 10 Ezra interns arrive May 19! Drop off snacks, gift cards, or treats in the Gathering Area by May 18 to help welcome them. Pick up a "Meet the Team" booklet to pray for them. You can also sign up online to host 2 or more interns for lunch after church this summer!

WIC VBS Craft Night

Join us Wednesday, May 21 from 6:30–8:00 PM as we gather to create decorations for VBS.

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