

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 23 – 10:30 A.M.
“THE COEXISTENCE OF WHEAT AND WEEDS”**

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

PRESERVICE MUSIC “The Heart Of Worship”

**When the music fades
And all has slipped away
And I simply come.
Longing just to be
Something that’s of worth
That will bless Your heart.**

**I'll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within,
Through the way things appear,
You’re looking into my heart.**

**I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it’s all about You, it’s all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it’s all about You, it’s all about You, Jesus.**

**King of endless worth,
No one could express
How much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor,
All I have is Yours,
Every single breath!**

I'll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within,
Through the way things appear,
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.

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"Light Of The World"

You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the light of the world

You are a city on a hill
You are a city on a hill
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a city on a hill

You are a candle in the dark
You are a candle in the dark
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a candle in the dark

You are a star in the night
You are a star in the night
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a star in the night

You are the light of the world
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So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the light of the world

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WORSHIP THEME: "The Coexistence of Wheat and Weeds" Mat. 13:24-30;36-43

This parable has Jesus presenting two stark contrasts which move from evil to good, from dark to light, from hell to heaven, from children of the evil one to children of the kingdom. The parable is rich in symbolism and certainly contains some hyperbole. Nevertheless, it is in contrasts such as this throughout Jesus' ministry, that we see the seriousness of the matter and the world we live in. We may not be of this world, yet we cannot ignore or underplay the reality and how crucial it is to know and embrace Jesus and His righteousness. The wheat and the weeds coexist and will remain as such until the harvest. We know that some make an attempt at doing a neat division between Christians (the righteous) and non-believers (evil doers). Is it really that clear-cut? Do we each have an element of weeds as well as an element of wheat within us? I believe so, and we must come to grip with this and remember that God is in charge and will be the final judge. Continual growth and a desire to emulate Christ should be our mission in life.

+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +

OPENING SONG....."10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)"

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I worship Your holy name**

**The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I worship Your holy name**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
10,000 reasons for my heart to find**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I worship Your holy name**

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise un-ending
10,000 years and there forever more**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I worship Your holy name**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I worship Your holy name
I worship Your holy name
Lord, I worship Your holy name**

**Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name**

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INVOCATION

Pastor: We are here to give praise to Your name and listen to Your word in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious and Merciful God, we join together in one accord in Christ to give thanks for Your presence and provision. We live among people who differ from us when it comes to belief systems, moral standards, and spiritual backgrounds. As faithful followers of Christ, we realize that we will be faced with opposing views. Give us the strength and confidence to hold to Your word, to our convictions and beliefs even in the midst of differences. At the same time, give us a spirit of unconditional love toward others rather than a judgmental spirit, that they may see Christ working in us. Remind us often that God is in control and the ultimate judge of people. Envelop us with that peace that surpasses our human understanding as we live out our lives on earth.

People: In the strong and mighty name of Jesus we pray. Amen

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

People: God of love and forgiveness, we praise Your Holy name and give thanks for all that You have done for us. We confess that at times, we make judgments upon other people – looking at the speck of sawdust in their eye and forgetting that we have a plank in our own eye. As believers in Christ, we can easily puff ourselves up and put unbelievers down. Through the parable Jesus told, we are reminded that we are to live in harmony with others even in the midst of the diversity all around us. We confess that we have made judgments upon others when it is up to God to do the judging. Forgive us for attempting to take on a responsibility that is Yours. Give us a loving heart as we share the message of Christ with others. Help us let go of our pride and control and simply shine the light of Christ.

Pastor: What peace it brings to know that no matter what our sins are, they are forgiven and wiped away. Through this time of confession we are able to restore the broken relationship that sin causes and draw closer to God. What a joy it is to embrace the reality that all our sins are forgiven!

People: Amen.

+ We Hear God's Word +

Isaiah 44:6-8(ESV)(page 5 in bulletin) (on page 1128 in NIV pew Bible)
Romans 8:18-27(ESV) (page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1757 in NIV pew Bible)
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1518 in NIV pew Bible)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

SERMON SONG "How Great Is Our God"

**The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice**

**How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great
Is our God**

**And age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead, Three in One
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb**

How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great
Is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing how great
Is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing how great
Is our God

How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great
Is our God

How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great
Is our God

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MESSAGE....."Homebound".....Romans 8:18-27

OFFERING SONG....."Step by Step"

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
Step by step You lead me
And I will follow You all of my days.

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+ We Pray +

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

+ We Celebrate the Lord's Supper +

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

WE PREPARE

Pastor: As the body of Christ, we come to Your table of grace and forgiveness. Christ is present here and that gives us comfort and joy! We are grateful that You instituted this meal so that we along with people everywhere could receive the benefits of strength, forgiveness, and restoration. Through our senses, we remember and experience the true presence of Christ. As we eat and drink, may we grasp what You accomplished for us through Your sacrifice on the cross. In humility, we come in all of our brokenness, to be made whole again. We praise You Lord for giving us new life now and hope for the future.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION SONG "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.**

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+ *We Depart in Peace* +

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now in peace and live in the freedom of Christ while spreading the Good
News of Jesus wherever you are planted.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG..... "Your Grace Is Enough"

**Great is Your faithfulness Oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart**

**So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise
Oh God**

**Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

**Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along**

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise
Oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise
Oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough
Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I see Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me
For me

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We Exit to Serve!

If this service has moved you spiritually and you have questions regarding your spiritual life, please feel free to visit with one of the Pastors after the service.