

TWELETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST AUGUST 15, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

***Hymn #501** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
CWM RHONDDA

***Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord!

Give thanks to God with all your heart.

In the company of the righteous,

We praise the Lord!

God has redeemed his people.

Holy and awesome is your name, O Lord!

In the company of the righteous,

We praise God's holy name!

God is full of grace and mercy!

All are fed who fear the Lord!

In the company of the righteous,

We shall praise God forevermore!

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***Opening Prayer**

***Song of Faith #494** "Step by Step" *BEAKER*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

The First Reading 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

The Second Reading Ephesians 5:15-20

Song #56 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
MIT FREUDEN ZART

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

***The Gospel** John 6:51-58

Children's Message (3rd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Prayer & Message "Christian Living the Easy Way"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Hymn #** "Shout to the Lord" **Worship Team**

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** Jan Mauck, Church Pianist
*Please stand if able

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN TODAY

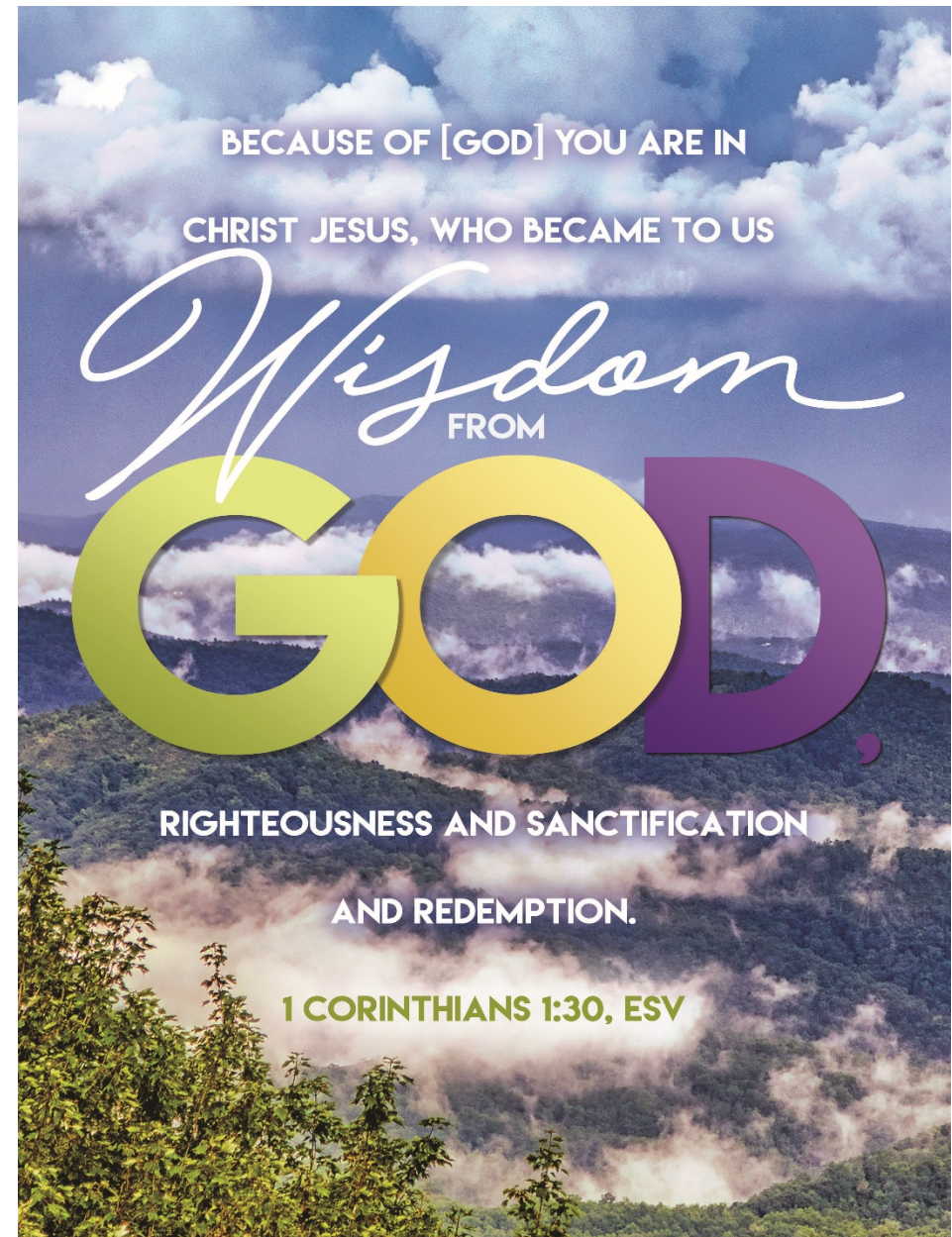
GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to redeem all people. The Bible outlines the way to become a follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you are a sinner (you have done wrong things). Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** - Believe that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross and rose from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Savior (Rescuer and Redeemer) and Lord (Ultimate Leader). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS** - Tell your family and friends about your new faith in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly announce your decision to be a Christian.

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

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