

**GRANDPARENT'S DAY
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

***Hymn #652** "This Is the Day" *LES GARRETT*
#653 "I Will Call upon the Lord" *MICHAEL O'SHIELDS*

***Call to Worship**

The Tongue is a flame: It can praise, or it can destroy,
It can bless or it can curse.

Let us offer prayers in praise of God!

Let us bless, and not curse, the children of God.

The mind is a door. It can be open, or it can be shut.
It can welcome, or it can refuse.

Let us open our minds to the mind of Christ.

Let us set our minds on the wisdom from above.

May all our words and all our thoughts be acceptable to you,
O Lord, our rock and our redeemer!

Let us sing songs in praise of Jesus.

Let us proclaim him Christ the Lord!

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***Opening Prayer**

***Songs of Faith** "The Cry of My Heart" *Worship Team*

**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.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader Karen Kirby

The First Reading Proverbs 1:20-33

The Second Reading James 3:1-12

Song #34 "Doxology" *OLD 100TH*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Unison Prayer of Dedication: Receive our wordless praise in
the gesture of actions as we surrender these gifts to you.
Declare your living Word in the joy we harbor within our
hearts. Inspire all people to tell of your glory through the
sharing your church does this day. We ask in Jesus' name.**

Offertory Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

***The Gospel** Mark 8:27-38

Prayer & Message "Steering Clear of Shipwrecks and Scars"
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 # 589** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" *MARYTON*

***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:

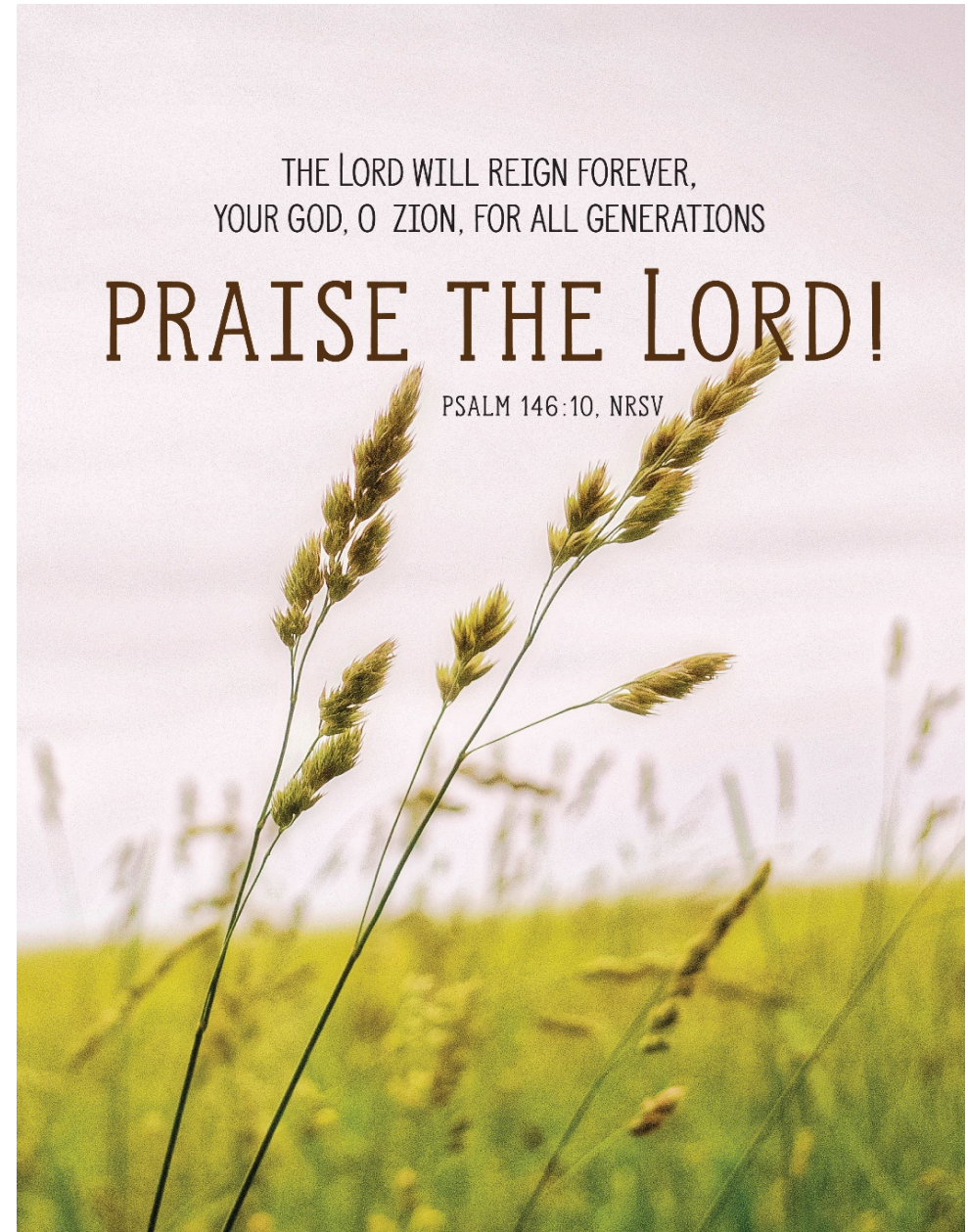
1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you are a sinner (you have done wrong things). Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** - Believe that 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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THE LORD WILL REIGN FOREVER,
YOUR GOD, O ZION, FOR ALL GENERATIONS

PRAISE THE LORD!

PSALM 146:10. NRSV

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