

16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 17, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

*Gathering Song # 48 “Immortal Invisible” *ST. DENIO*

*Call to Worship

Why do the mighty boast of mischief done against the godly?
All day long they plot destruction, they lie, and act with treachery.

God will break down those who do evil!

**The Lord will snatch and tear them from their tents and uproot
them from the land of the living.**

The righteous will see it, and fear the Lord, they will laugh at the evildoer
and say,

**“See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in
abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!”**

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.

I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

I will thank you, O God, forever, for all you have done.

In the presence of the faithful, I will attend to your good name.

*Opening Prayer

Songs of Faith #537 “My Lord What a Morning” *BURLEIGH*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Jack Janway

The First Reading Amos 8:1-12

The Psalter Reading (see insert) Psalm 52

The Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Luke 10:38-42

*Responsorial #

“Cornerstone”

WT

“Firm Foundation”

WT

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Announcements & Prayers Concerns, 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, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - A collection plate is available in
the front of the Sanctuary, ushers will collect the offering, or you can give it
online.

Offertory

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Prayer, and The Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING 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.

*Closing Hymn # 437

“Jesus Loves Me”

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*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude

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**Stand when able*

HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

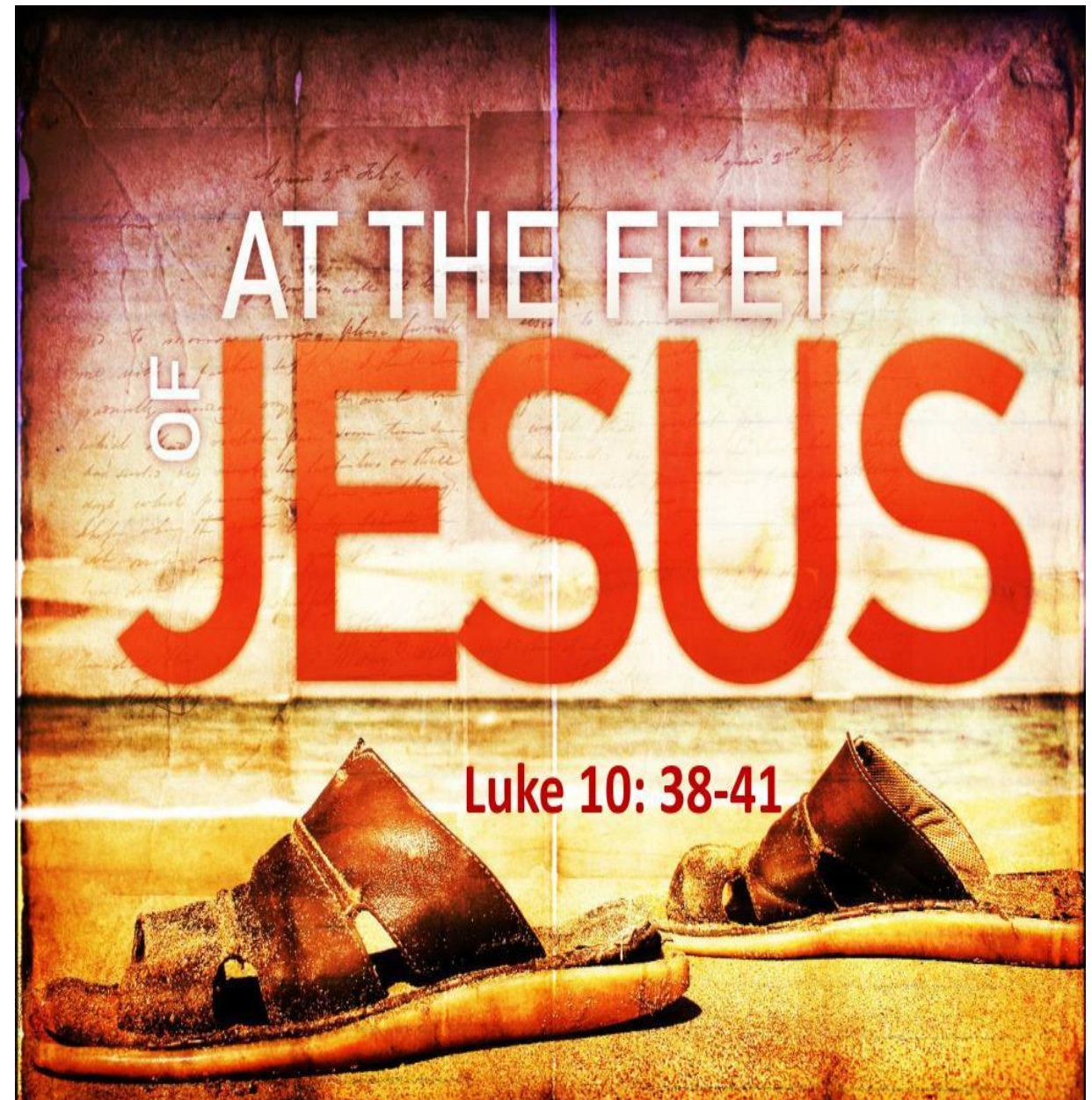
GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, 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** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God credit for raising Jesus 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 fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer and Redeemer (Savior) and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).
5. **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 covenant of this may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator or come forward at a congregation meeting. 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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