

# PATRIOTIC SUNDAY

JULY 2, 2023

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

\*Opening (Stand) # 730 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" *BATTLE HYMN*

\*Call to Worship (Stand)

The Lord provides for those who keep faith.

Trust in God's mercy, for the costliest gift is given you.

**God dealt bountifully with us.**

**The Son of God has been offered up for us.**

Rejoice in your eternal salvation.

Sing to the Lord with your whole heart!

**The Lord gives light to our darkened eyes.**

**God's free gift of grace is eternal like in Christ.**

Lift your hearts in obedience to God.

Present yourselves humbly and receive your sanctification.

**Great indeed are the rewards of faith.**

**Our joy is to know, to love, and to serve the living Lord.**

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\*Opening Prayer (Stand)

Worship Songs

"Make Us One"

WORSHIP TEAM

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Ashley Smith

The First Reading

Genesis 22:1-1

The Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)

Matthew 10:40-42

\*Responsorial # 589 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" *MARYTON*

\*Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)

The Children's Sermon

Honoring our Military Service Men and Women

Moment of Silence

Litany / Responsive Reading:

"O God of Every Nation"

O God of every nation, of every race and land,

Redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.

**Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,**

**In love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.**

Lord, strengthen all who labor that we may find release

From fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase.

**When hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;**

**With faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.**

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,

When hatred and division give way to love and peace,

**Till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,**

**And Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.**

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**Prayers of the Community & 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** - Worshippers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord.

Offertory Special

A Prayer of Illumination & The Message

Pastor Bri Law, Next Generation Pastor at First Baptist Church of Topeka



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## WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

\*Closing Hymn (Stand) #545 BH “Living for Jesus”

\*Spoken Benediction

\*Postlude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

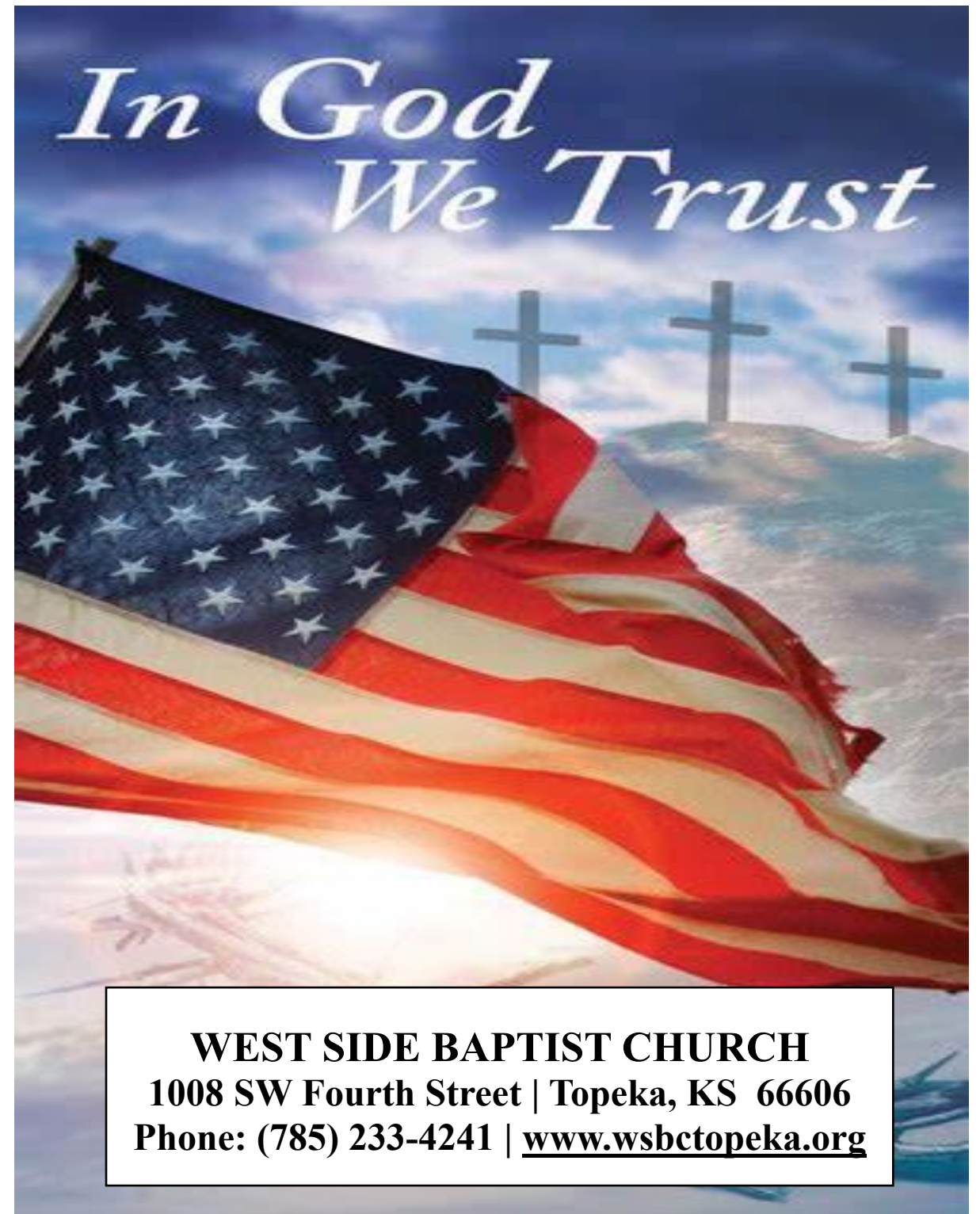
### HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

**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 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** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the 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).



**OUR MISSION** – We love God and we love people by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in the City, County, State, Nation and World.



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