

# THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

\*Opening (Stand) # BH383 "I Love They Kingdom"

\*Call to Worship (Stand)

Come, you who seek the Lord.

Let your hearts rejoice! Glory in God's holy name.

**Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord.**

**Tell the world of God's wonderful works.**

Come, seek the presence of God continually.

Let your souls draw strength from the Lord.

**Trust in God; keep faith in the Lord.**

**God is at work in all things for your good.**

Come, all who fear the Lord.

Happy are those who walk in the ways of God.

**Love the Lord! Let us overcome all things through the cross.**

**For nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus.**

We do not know who to pray as we ought.

**Holy Spirit, help us in our weakness.**

We do know that all things work together for good for those who love God.

**Creator God, search our hearts.**

We are known and elected to be conformed to Christ's image.

**Jesus Christ, pray for us,**

**That nothing may separate us from your love.**

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\*Opening Prayer (Stand)

Song of Faith #

"Give Thanks"

Worship Team

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Ashley Smith

The First Reading

Genesis 29:15-28

The Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

\*Responsorial (Stand) # BH 535 "I Am Thine O Lord"

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

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

**Announcements & Prayers of the Community 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.

Prayer of Dedication & Offertory Special

A Prayer of Illumination & The Message "Conquering the If Only's"  
Reverend Art Campbell, Retired American Baptist Clergy

## 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.

\*Closing Hymn (Stand) # 354 "Just As I Am" WOODWORTH

\*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:

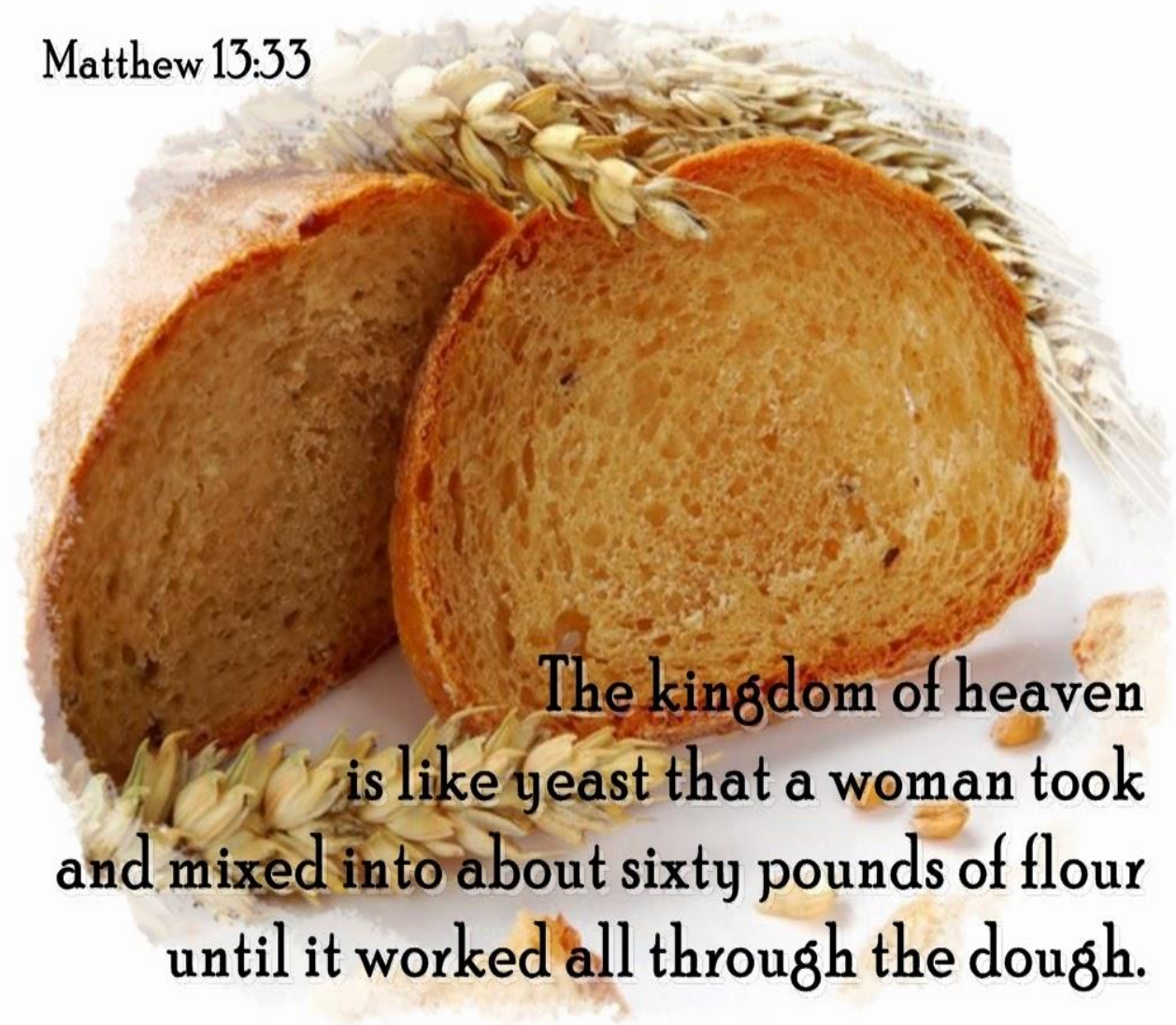
1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE 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).

**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.



**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 our City, County, State, Nation and World.

Matthew 13:33



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