

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

*Opening Song (Stand) # 82 BH "Guide Me O Thou" CWM RHONDDA

*Call to Worship (Stand)

Come and seek the God who saves,

For the Lord has proven faithful and true!

God rescued the child Moses from

Pharaoh's condemnation of Israel's innocents,

So the infant Moses nursed at his own mother's breast.

God fought for David against a rising tide of enemies.

"Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth."

God revealed Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of the living God,

Who entrusted the keys of heaven to his church.

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For the Lord has proven faithful and true!

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*Opening Prayer (Stand)

Songs of Faith "Lord I Lift Your Name High" Worship Team

"Jesus Name of All Names"

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Angie Foster

The First Reading Exodus 1:8-2:10

The Second Reading Romans 12:1-8

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) Matthew 16:13-20

*Responsorial (Stand) "Run To the Father" Worship Team

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

The Children's Sermon

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 Take these gifts, O Blessed One, for they were blessings when you gave them to us. May they be blessed again as we return them to you, in hopes that their use will honor your name, encourage the proclamation of Christ, and advance the redeeming work of your Spirit in this broken world.



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A Prayer of Illumination & The Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

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) "The Blessing" Worship Team

*Spoken Benediction

Postlude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

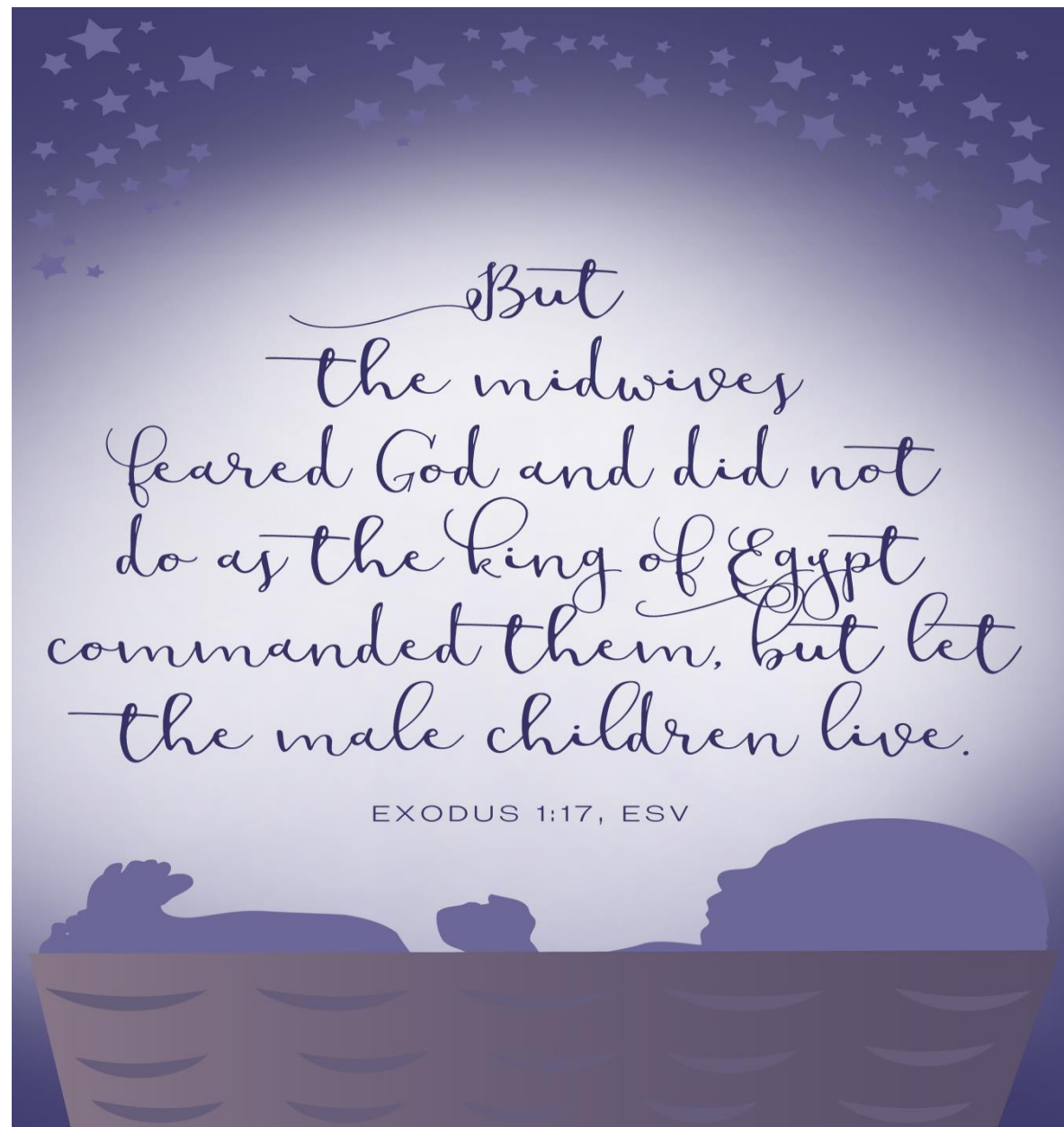
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

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 that you have done wrong things (sinned) that 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 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, 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 or 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.

OUR MISSION – We love God and people by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve neighbors' lives. 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.



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