

“EPHESIANS: FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE”

PROPER 11: SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

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

Words of Scripture Jeremiah 23:5-6 The Lord Our Righteous Savior

*Opening (Stand) “I Will Call Upon The Lord” Worship Team

*Unison Invocational Prayer (Stand)

Eternal Father, you are loving, kind, long-suffering, and good, and you have been exceedingly good to us: inspire us to know the joy of our salvation. Enable us to discover the happiness you give to all who desire to be simple followers of Jesus Christ and be so overcome by his grace that we praise him with humble hearts. Assure us that our lives are embedded in you so we can live quiet and peaceful lives in this beloved world you made and sent your Son to save. Overrule our pride and soften our stubborn wills with your grace so we may be as ready to receive your blessed presence as you are ready to give. Come, Holy Spirit, come, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Adapted from John E. Skoglund, “A Manual of Worship,” Valley Forge: Judson Press, p. 34.

Song of Faith # 346 “The Church’s One Foundation” *AURELIA*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Ernie Reed

The First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

The Second Reading Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel Reader: Deacon Laurie Dewey

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) Mark 6:30 – 34, 53- 56

*Responsorial (Stand) “O Come to the Altar” Worship Team

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

The Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and younger go to Children’s Church)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community **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.



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Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - Worshipers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord.

Offertory Special

A Prayer of Illumination & The Message “The Dead Made Alive in Christ”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

Notes:

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND 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) “People Need the Lord” Worship Team

*Spoken Benediction Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

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) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good (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 follow Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and accepting the Christian principles, practices, and covenant may join this church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor 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. ***You do not need to be baptized again to join this church.***

OUR MISSION – We are a Jesus People! We love God and we love people by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving forever love in Jesus Christ through word and action so all people can live quiet, Godly lives. West Side Baptist Church is an autonomous Christian church partnering with like-minded people of faith and service agencies in our City, County, State, Nation, and World in Jesus' name.



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