

“EPHESIANS: FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE”

PROPER 12: SUNDAY, JULY 28, 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

*Call to Worship (Stand) *The Lord Is Kind and Merciful*

You are merciful, Lord! You are kind and patient and always loving.

You are good to everyone, and you take care of all your creation.

All creation will thank you, *Yahweh*, and your loyal people will praise you.

We will tell about your marvelous kingdom and your power.

Everyone will know about the mighty things you do and your glorious kingdom.

Your kingdom will never end, and you will rule forever.

Our Lord, you keep your word and do everything you say. When someone stumbles or falls, you give a helping hand.

We all depend on you; when the time is right, you provide us with food.

By your own hand, you satisfy the desires of all who live.

Our Lord, everything you do is kind and thoughtful, and you are near to everyone whose prayers are sincere.

You satisfy the desires of all your worshipers, and you come to save them when they ask for help.

We will praise you, Lord, and everyone will respect your holy name forever.

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*Opening (Stand) “Come, Now Is The Time to Worship” Worship Team

*Opening Invocational Prayer (Stand)

Song of Faith # 555 “I Love You Lord” LAURIE KLEIN

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Ernie Reed

The First Reading

2 Samuel 11:1-15

The Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel Reader: Deacon Laurie Dewey

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) John 6:1-21

*Responsorial (Stand) #28 “To God Be the Glory” FANNY CROSBY

*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 Deep...Mystery of Faith”
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) “How Deep the Father's Love for Us” WT

*Spoken Benediction Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Postlude

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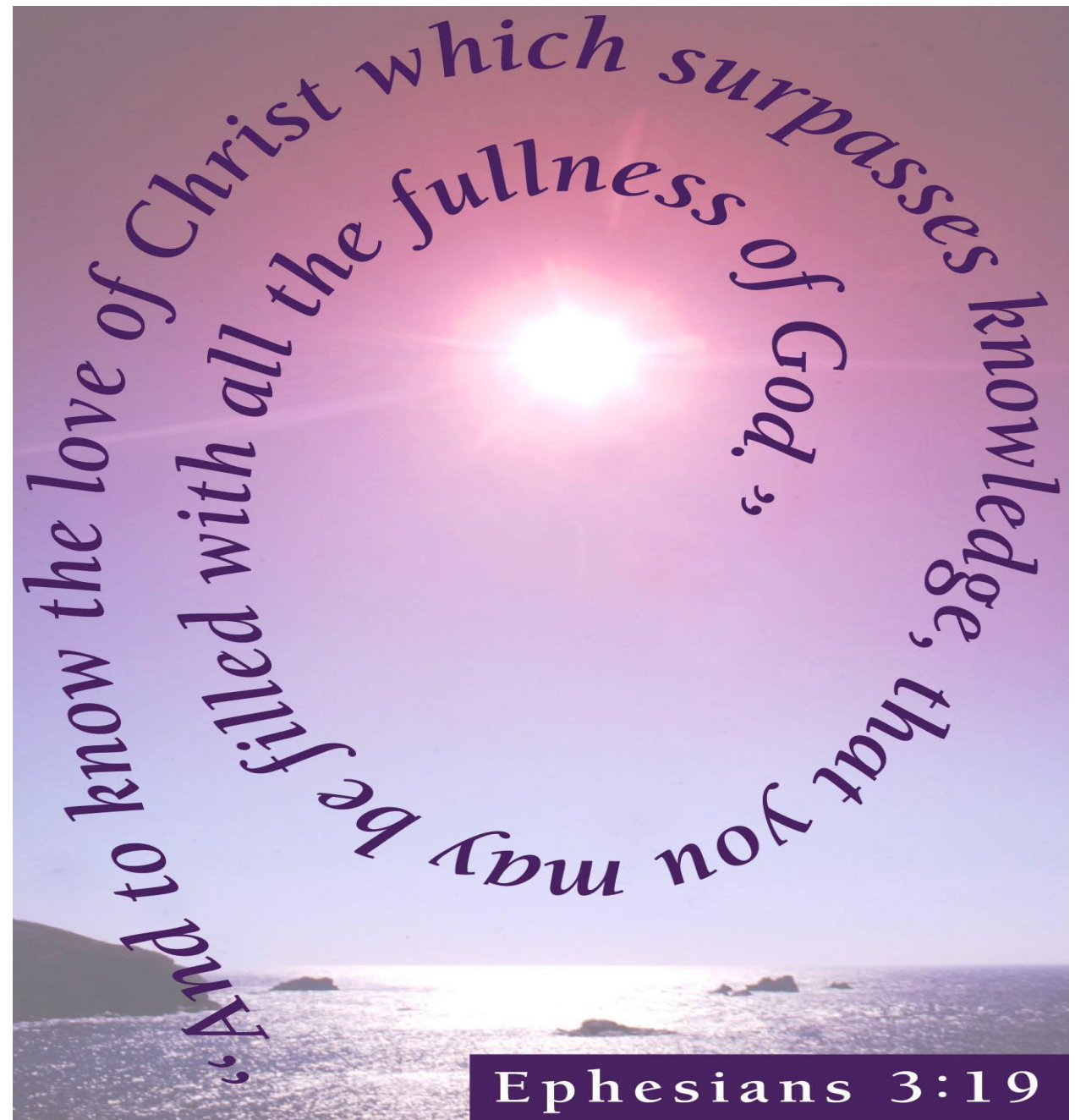
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

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 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 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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