

“EPHESIANS: FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE”

PROPER 14: SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 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**

We are gathered as the people of God to acknowledge Jesus as Lord, to confess before Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, our sins, to offer in God the Spirit our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, to pray for the needs of our families, neighborhoods, church and world, and to reconsecrate ourselves as God’s servants in the world.

Adapted from John E. Skoglund, “A Manual of Worship,” Valley Forge: Judson Press, p. 28.

***Call to Worship (Stand)** *Forever Giving Grateful Praise*

Therefore, shout praises to the Lord; everyone on this earth.

Be joyful and sing as you come in to worship the Lord!

You know the Lord is God! He created us, and we belong to him; we are his people, the sheep in his pasture.

Be thankful and praise the Lord as you enter his temple.

The Lord is good!

His love and faithfulness will last forever.

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***Opening (Stand)** **“There’s a Wideness in God’ Mercy”** *WELLESLEY*

***Opening Prayer (Stand)** **Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

Song of Faith **“O Come to the Altar”** **Worship Team**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Pat Carpenter

The First Reading **2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33**

The Second Reading **Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** **John 6:35,41-51**

***Responsorial (Stand) # 450 “Precious Lord Take My Hand”** *DORSEY*

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

Offertory Special

A Prayer of Illumination & The Message **“Take the Trash Out”**
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) # 115** **“God of Grace and God of Glory”**

***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 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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