

**A SERVICE OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP**  
**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**  
**AUGUST 17, 2025**

**WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

**Preparing for Worship:** Faith sometimes brings division, not peace, as Jesus says in Luke 12:49–56. In the Reformed tradition, we seek truth even when it challenges comfort, trusting that God’s Word refines us like fire. Let us approach this time with open hearts, ready to be shaped by the Spirit and rooted more deeply in Christ’s life, love, message, movement, and mission.

**Prelude** **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist**

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

**\*Song (Stand) #** **“Way Maker”** **Worship Team**

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

**Song of Faith #130** **“Here I Am to Worship”** *HERE I AM TO WORSHIP*

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD**

Scripture Reader: Pat Carpenter

**The First Reading** **Isaiah 5:1-7**

**The Second Reading** **Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

Gospel Reader: Deacon Traci Brown

**\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** **Luke 12:49-56**

**\*Responsorial (Stand) # 521** **“Faith Is the Victory”** *SANKEY*

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

**The Children's Sermon** (Children’s Church for Students Preschool–3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

**Announcements & Prayers – 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. Jesus told us, “When you do good deeds, don't try to show off. If you do, you won't get a reward from your Father in heaven. When you give to the poor, don't blow a loud horn...When you give to the poor, don't let anyone know about it. Then your gift will be given in secret. Your Father knows what is done in secret and will reward you” (Luke 6:1-4).

**Offertory Special #** **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist**

**A Prayer of Illumination & Message**

**The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister**

**WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE**

**\*Closing Hymn (Stand) # 488** **“O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”**  
*MARYTON*

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**Postlude** **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist**

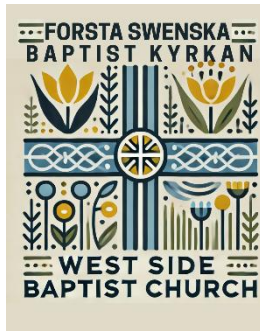
## HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

**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 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 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 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.



*"The Son of Man  
is coming at an hour  
you do not expect."*

LUKE 12:40, ESV

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