

# FATHER'S DAY / SWEDISH SUNDAY JUNE 21, 2026

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*\*All those able, please stand*

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

**Välkomna and Greetings in Jesus' Name**

**\*Hymn # 123 "Children of the Heavenly Father"** TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

**\*Call to Worship (Stand)±**

One: Nothing is covered that will not be uncovered. Nothing is secret that will not become known.

**All: The one who acknowledges Christ, Christ will acknowledge. The one who denies him will be denied.**

One: What the Lord speaks to you in the dark, tell in the light. What the Spirit whispers to you, proclaim from the housetops!

**All: We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again. Death no longer has dominion over him!**

One: The death he died, he died to sin. But the life he lives, he lives to God!

**All: Therefore, we too shall consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord!**

±Timothy Matthew Slemmons, "Lightning From the East: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship, Year A," © 2014, Cascade Books, Eugene, Oregon. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

**\*Opening Prayer (Stand)**

**Song of Faith # 101 "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"** TOWNSEND

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Laurie Dewey

**The First Reading** Genesis 21:8-21

**The Second Reading** Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel Reader: Deacon Janelle Hood

**\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** Matthew 10:24-39

**\*Responsorial (Stand) # 488 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"** MARYTON

**\*Greeting our Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

**The Children's Sermon** (No Children's Church – Summer Recess)

**Announcements, Prayers of the People and The Lord's 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** – Wisdom wrote, "Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce" Proverbs 3:9. Let us give our tithes, gifts and offerings from the love and labor of our lives.

**Offertory**

**\*The Doxology # 668 "Doxology"** OLD HUNDREDTH

**A Prayer of Illumination & Message "Fear Less and Fearless: Trust More"**  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

**Memory Verse:**

**"So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows."  
Matthew 10:31 (NRSVUE)**

## 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.

**\*Hymn (Stand) # 434 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"** ASSAM

**\*Spoken Benediction**

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

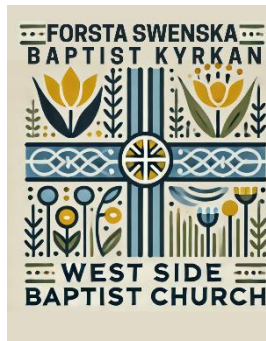
## HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

**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.



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