

ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 2021

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WELCOME

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

By the riches of Your glory, strengthen us. By the power of Your word and work, transform us. By the wisdom of Your counsel, teach us. Direct our thoughts and actions, O God. Be our deliverer, surrounding us with love that is eternal and joy that is complete. AMEN

OPENING HYMN: You Are My All in All"

Author: Dennis L. Jernigan; Tune: JERNIGAN

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VERSE 1

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

VERSE 2

Taking my sin my cross my shame
Rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all

When I fall down you pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us bow our knees before God, who understands us as we are, yet is always ready to help us become all we are intended to be. Let us never seek to hide the guilt we know or perpetuate the blindness that keeps us from realizing the full extent of our sin. Let us pray.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, You know our secret hearts. You are aware of our distortions, our jealousies, our lust. You observe our unfaithfulness. We are corrupted by greed, self-indulgence, and desire to be entertained. We do not take responsibility for our misconduct, our abuse of power, our lack of trust in You. We have little sense of vision to see beyond immediate circumstances or to embrace new possibilities. We miss the signs of Your grace and resist the empowerment of Your Spirit. Mighty God, we need Your boundless forgiveness. Hear our personal prayers of confession.

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

All who are truly repentant can know the love of Christ that surpasses human knowledge. We are rescued, delivered, and restored to fullness of life in God, our Creator. We are being rooted and grounded in love that we, in turn, might show love to others. Thanks be to God!

HYMN: "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"

Author: Robert Lowry (1876); Tune: PLAINFIELD; This hymn is in the public domain

1) What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:
O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2) For my pardon this I see:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

3) Nothing can for sin atone:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

4) This is all my hope and peace:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. **[Refrain]**

HOLY SCRIPTURES: II Kings 4:42–44, John 6:1–15

2 KINGS 4:42–44

⁴² Another time, a man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing Elisha twenty loaves of bread made from the first barley harvested that year, and some freshly-cut heads of grain. Elisha told his servant to feed the group of prophets with this, ⁴³ but he answered, “Do you think this is enough for a hundred men?”

Elisha replied, “Give it to them to eat, because the LORD says that they will eat and still have some left over.” ⁴⁴ So the servant set the food before them, and as the LORD had said, they all ate, and there was still some left over.

JOHN 6:1–15

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

¹ After this, Jesus went across Lake Galilee (or, Lake Tiberias, as it is also called). ² A large crowd followed him, because they had seen his miracles of healing the sick. ³ Jesus went up a hill and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The time for the Passover Festival was near. ⁵ Jesus looked around and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, so he asked Philip, “Where can we buy enough food to feed all these people?” (⁶ He said this to test Philip; actually he already knew what he would do.)

⁷ Philip answered, “For everyone to have even a little, it would take more than two hundred silver coins^[a] to buy enough bread.”

⁸ Another one of his disciples, Andrew, who was Simon Peter's brother, said, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two fish. But they will certainly not be enough for all these people.”

¹⁰ “Make the people sit down,” Jesus told them. (There was a lot of grass there.) So, all the people sat down; there were about five thousand men. ¹¹ Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to God, and distributed it to the people who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, and they all had as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were all full, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces left over; let us not waste a bit.” ¹³ So they gathered them all and filled twelve baskets with the pieces left over from the five barley loaves which the people had eaten.

¹⁴ Seeing this miracle that Jesus had performed, the people there said, “Surely this is the Prophet who was to come into the world!” ¹⁵ Jesus knew that they were about to

come and seize him in order to make him king by force; so he went off again to the hills by himself.

Footnote: a. [John 6:7](#) A silver coin was the daily wage of a rural worker (see [Mt 20.2](#)).

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

SERMON: "God Is Present Here"

PASTORAL PRAYER 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, we thank You for Your great mercy given to us in this sacrament, whereby we are made partakers of Christ and all His benefits. So enrich us by the Holy Spirit that the life of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal bodies, and all our days may be spent in love and service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Leader: Go out to share what you have received. God will multiply the gifts that you give away.

All: We will celebrate and share our abundance.

CLOSING HYMN: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Author: Anonymous; Tune: ASSAM; This hymn is in the public domain

- 1) I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.
- 2) The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.
- 3) Though none go with me, I still will follow;
Though none go with me, I still will follow;
Though none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.
- 4) Will you decide now to follow Jesus;
Will you decide now to follow Jesus;
Will you decide now to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The Altar flowers today are sponsored in loving memory of Christina Johnson by her parents, Ron and Linda Patterson and her children, Will and Kirsten Johnson.