



## THE LORD'S SERVICE

August 31, 2025

Gathering & Hospitality  
Welcome & Announcements

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## THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE

***\*Call to Worship***

Psalm 95.1, 3-5, 6 (ESV)

*The Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.*

**Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

***Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!***

**\*Songs of Praise**  
**“This Is My Father’s World”**

Words & Arr by: Babcock/Babcock/Sheppard

This is my Father’s world and to my list’ning ears  
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world, I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s world, he shines in all that’s fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, he speaks to me everywhere

*Oh this world belongs to him  
From beginning to the end.  
All creation groans, “Lord, bring us home,  
And make us new again.”*

This is my Father’s world, oh, let me ne’er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father’s world, the battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied and earth and Heav’n be one.

*Oh this world belongs to him  
From beginning to the end.  
All creation groans, “Lord, bring us home,  
And make us new again.” (x2)*

**Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 4.1-16 (ESV)

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.” <sup>2</sup> And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup>and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup> The Lord said to Cain,

“Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, and you must rule over it.”

<sup>8</sup> Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?” <sup>10</sup> And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” <sup>13</sup> Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup> Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. <sup>16</sup> Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

### **“Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right”**

Words & Arr by: Rodigast

Whate'er my God ordains is right: His holy will abideth;  
I will be still, whate'er he does, and follow where he guideth.  
He is my God; though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:  
And so to him I leave it all.  
And so to him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me;  
He leads me by the proper path; I know he will not leave me.  
I take, content, what he has sent; His hand can turn my griefs away,  
And patiently I wait his day.  
And patiently I wait his day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking,  
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking.  
My God is true; each morn anew, sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,  
And pain and sorrow shall depart.  
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.  
My Father's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall:  
And so to him I leave it all.  
And so to him I leave it all.



## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

### † *Confession of Sin*

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,  
For they have been from of old.  
Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions;  
According to your steadfast love remember us,  
For the sake of your goodness, O Lord!  
For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great.  
The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear you,  
And you make known to them your covenant.  
Our eyes are ever toward you, O Lord,  
For you will pluck our feet out of the net.  
Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted.  
The troubles of our hearts are enlarged;  
Bring us out of our distresses.  
Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins.  
Redeem us, O God, out of all our troubles,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. (based on Psalm 25)

### ***\*Declaration of Forgiveness***

Romans 5.1-2 (ESV)

*"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"*

**"Through him we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God."**

### ***\*Prayer of Petition***

Leader: Lord, in your mercy;

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: And now let us offer the prayer that our Lord has taught us:

**All: Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.**

## Children's Homily

*Dismissal to Little Sprouts. (Available for kids 3-PreK, to be picked up at the beginning of the Lord's Supper. Drop-off and pick-up are as you exit the sanctuary.)*



## THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

### ***\*Scripture Reading***

Hebrews 11.4-7

**Pastor:** This is the word of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

### ***Sermon***

AJ Babel

### ***“Commended Faith”***



## THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Words of Institution*

*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Jesus Christ himself invites all true believers to his table. If you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognizing its belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers, please know how welcome you are to eat this gracious meal with us. By taking the bread and the wine, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in God's sovereign mercy, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any questions about your participation in the Lord's Supper, please speak to one of our elders.

### ***“Your Will Be Done”***

Words & Arr by: Robinson/Thompson

Your will be done my God and Father as in heaven so on earth  
My heart is drawn to self-exalting, help me seek Your kingdom first  
As Jesus walked, so I shall walk, held by Your same unchanging love  
Be still my soul, O lift your voice and pray:  
“Father not my will but Yours be done”

How in that garden He persisted, I may never fully know  
The fearful weight of true obedience it was held by Him alone  
What wondrous faith to bear that cross, to bear my sin, what wondrous love  
My hope was sure when there my Saviour prayed:  
“Father not my will but Yours be done”

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When I am lost, when I am broken in the night of fear and doubt  
Still I will trust in my good Father, yes to one great King I bow  
As Jesus rose so I shall rise in ransomed glory at the throne  
My heart restored with all your saints I sing:  
“Father not my will but Yours be done”

As we go forth our God and Father lead us daily in the fight  
That all the world might see Your glory and Your Name be lifted high  
And in this Name we overcome for You shall see us safely home  
Now as Your church we lift our voice and pray:  
“Father not my will but Yours be done”

And in this Name we overcome  
For You shall see us safely home  
Now as Your church we lift our voice and pray:  
“Father not my will but Yours be done” (x3)

### ***\*We Confess Our Faith***

### **The Apostles' Creed**

2<sup>nd</sup> Century

The Book of Common Prayer, 1662-adapted with modern English

\*catholic = universal

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
The holy catholic\* church;  
The communion of Saints;  
The forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## Collection of Offerings

Leader: *What gifts do you offer to your Lord in response to His grace?*

**People: We offer ourselves through praise and thanksgiving,  
We offer our prayers and offerings for the sake of the world.**

### "Doxology"

Louis Bourgeois

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### \*Hymn of Response

#### "How Rich A Treasure We Possess"

Words & Arr by: Papa/Boswell

How rich a treasure we possess in Jesus Christ our Lord  
His blood our ransom and defense, His glory our reward  
The sum of all created things are worthless in compare  
For our inheritance is Him whose praise angels declare

How free and costly was the love displayed upon the cross  
While we were dead in untold sin the Sov'reign purchased us  
The will of God the Father demonstrated through the Son  
The Spirit seals the greatest work, the work which Christ has done

*For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory  
Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory  
Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory  
Amen*

How vast and measureless the flood of mercy unrestrained  
The penalty was paid in full, the spotless Lamb was slain  
Salvation what a priceless gift received by grace through faith  
We stand in robes of righteousness, we stand in Jesus' Name

*For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory  
Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory  
Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory  
Amen*



## THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

### \*Benediction

*\* all who are able, please stand  
† all who are able, please kneel*

“[Noah] was convinced of the certain occurrence of the events which God had disclosed, but which as yet lay in the unseen future. Faith conferred upon those events a reality so substantial that he did not hesitate to act as though they were already beginning to happen.”

William Lane

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## SEPT 14, 10:15AM | CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for ELECT DEACONS and VISION REVEAL

Join us between worship services for an important congregational meeting.

**1. Deacon Election:** After an extended process of nomination, training, discernment, and examination, the Session is presenting *Jordan Clark and Sam Higgins* for election to the office of Deacon. Pray for these men, talk with them, and consider 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

**2. 50+ Year Vision and Facility Expansion 'REVEAL':** The Session, Deacons, and Capital Campaign Task Force have endorsed moving forward with a capital improvement project toward the fulfillment of our 50+ Year Vision. We will share 2D and 3D renderings of a Sanctuary Expansion and a new Master Plan for repurposing our current spaces. *This will be followed by weeks of processing, Q/A, prayer and discernment prior to a congregational vote to proceed (late October).*

## SUNDAYS, 10:10-10:50 | THEOLOGICAL AND TOPICAL TEACHING:

- TODAY - Creeds: Needed? Good? Useful?, Part 1
- 9/7 - Creeds: Needed? Good? Useful?, Part 2

**FRI, SEPT 5, 6:30PM | WOVEN TOGETHER:** A Cozy Ladies' Night of Knitting, Crocheting, & Connecting! Please bring a snack to share. Youth girls (6th grade and up) are welcome too! Use QR to RSVP.



**MON, SEPT 8, NOON-1:30 PM | STRONG FINISHERS LUNCHEON:** Join us for our Strong Finishers Luncheon. Geared toward those who are retired but open to all! Elder Paul Gorman & Attorney Jared Williams will present LEAVING A LEGACY: Stewarding What God Has Given You. QR code to RSVP by 9/5. Bring your own lunch!

**SUN, SEPT 7 | THE HUDDLE:** Twice-a-month gathering for post-high school young adults. Join us over a meal for friendship and real talk about faith. Meeting for lunch after 2nd service! Reach out to Stan Bauer (407-739-8582) or LeeAnna Hungerford (901-201-0969).

**SAT, SEPT 27, 9AM-NOON | SERVE RISE-UP & AGAPE:** Join Summit Leadership for their event 'Love JC' to serve local non-profits. CCC is nominating our mission partners, Rise-Up & Agape! Use QR to register to serve Rise-Up & Agape.



**MERCY MINISTRY WORK DAYS:** If you have a need or know a need that our Deacons could facilitate a work day for, call Ethan Gouge at 423.782.8121. Projects can be completed with privacy & discretion.



**SEPTEMBER MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT | AMY MARKWALTER:** Amy, a CCC member, works with Mission to the World as their Children's Ministry Consultant. As missionaries around the globe plant churches, evangelize, and disciple, Amy comes alongside them in the vital work of caring for their children. As she seeks to reach her monthly financial support goal, please consider giving to her important missionary work by joining her support team. Talk with Amy and/or give using this QR code. Thank you!



8:45-10:00, 1st Worship Service  
10:10-10:50, Classes & Fellowship  
11-12:15, 2nd Worship Service

### Adult Classes

Fullbright Community Group: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 10:10-10:50

### Children's Classes, 10:10-10:50

K-1<sup>st</sup>: Elaine DeVusser 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>: Arika Smith & Mackenzie Reagor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: Josh Beatty & Caleb Osborne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### Youth Classes

Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>): Troy Cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 10:10-10:50

High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): Troy Cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 6-8PM



### FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:

We are thankful to be an intergenerational congregation that prioritizes family worship. We love little ones in our gathered worship learning the rhythm of corporate worship.

**FRONT ROOM:** A live stream of the service is available in the front room for families with little ones who get restless or need a break.

**NURSERY:** On 2nd floor for children under 3, for the duration of the worship services.

**LITTLE SPROUTS (3-PREK):** On 2nd floor, during the sermon with age-appropriate teaching. Check your child in/out of class in the front room (after children's homily & before Communion).

**COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP:** If you or your child is ready to profess faith in Christ and partake of the Lord's Supper, please contact Pastor AJ (or any elder), so we can arrange a time to talk.

**WEEKLY PODCAST:** Listen in as Pastors Jim and AJ talk through Exodus. Search for "Christ Community Church Johnson City" on your podcast app.

### MEN

**WEDNESDAYS @ 8AM | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Weekly bible study and prayer at the church. Bring your bible & coffee, and Contact Paul Gorman (paul.w.gorman@gmail.com) if you plan to join.

### WOMEN

**TUE, SEPT 2 @ 11AM | LADIES' READ THROUGH THE BIBLE GROUP:** Meeting monthly at the church. Join no matter where you are in the reading plan! Contact Sherrie Farmer 423.426.3130

**SUNDAYS @ 6PM & WEDNESDAYS @ 9:30AM | WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Studying Colossians using Lydia Brownback's book. Meeting at the church. Childcare provided for WED AM study.

**OCT & NOV | AROUND THE TABLE:** Dinner & study. More details coming soon!

**OCT 17-19 | WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT:** Registration opens soon!

<sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

<sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

<sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. (ESV)

By Faith, You Worship God

By Faith, You Please God

By Faith, You Actively Heed God

By Faith, You Receive from God  
*Reward*

*Words of Commendation*

*Righteousness*