



“What the Just Do”

August 30, 2020

Friendship Celebration

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Elders Serving: 9:00am David Reinke ~ 11:00am Aaron Hubler

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Preservice Song: "Come As You Are"

Solo

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

All

So, lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

So, lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far

So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are
Come as you are
Fall in His arms
Come as you are

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

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You're not too far
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Welcome & Announcements

Invocation & Call to Worship

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: I will sing of Your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

Congregation: With my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: I declare that Your steadfast love is established forever;

Congregation: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

Congregation: Praise the Lord!

—from Psalm 89:1-4, NRSV

Opening Song Set: “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav’ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Lo, the apostles’ holy train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.

Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav’n to faith.

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“God the Uncreated One”

God the uncreated One
The Author of salvation
Who wrote the laws of space and time
Who fashioned worlds to His design
The One whom angel hosts revere
Hung the stars like chandeliers
Numbered every grain of sand
Knows the heart of every man
He is King forever
He is King forever
He is King forevermore

God our fortress and our strength
The Rock on which we can depend
Matchless in His majesty
His power and authority
Unshaken by the schemes of man
Never changing great I Am
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall
He is faithful through it all
Crown Him King forever
Crown Him King forever
Crown Him King forevermore

Mighty God in mortal flesh
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace
Oh, lifted high the sinless man
Crucified the spotless Lamb
Buried by the sons of man
Rescued by the Father's hand
To reign as King forever
Reign as King forever
Reign as King forevermore

King eternal God of grace
We crown You with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore
You're holy holy, holy Lord
What joy is everlasting life

All is love and faith is sight
Justice rolls and praises rise
At the name of Jesus Christ
King of kings forever
King of kings forever
King of kings forevermore

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Confession of Sins

All: Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much You love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves.

Lord, You know when we are indifferent to Your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to You when we are in trouble.

Lord, You know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey Your call to take up Your cross and follow You, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

—Romans 8:1, NIV

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sharing of the Pics (11am)

Old Testament

Jeremiah 15:15-21 ESV

9:00am: Art Eacker

11:00am: Phyllis Garner

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,

for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

Epistle

Romans 12:9-21 ESV

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28 ESV

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Apostles' Creed

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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Sermon Song: "The Potter's Hand"

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior
I know for sure
All of my days are held in Your hand
Crafted into Your perfect plan

You gently call me into Your presence
Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit
Teach me, dear Lord
To live all of my life through your eyes

I'm captured by Your holy calling
Set me apart
I know You're drawing me to Yourself
Lead me Lord, I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me,
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me
I give my life, to the Potter's hand.

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Sermon: “What the Just Do” *Romans 12*

It's hard to think of something Paul doesn't mention in Romans 12 in his checklist for sanctified living. With so many commands, it might appear the Christian life is a long list of what to do and not do. Thankfully, the Gospel doesn't say “do”; it says “done”!

Marks of the True Christian

Making good use of our _____

The Christian calendar

The Ways of Jesus

“Let love be genuine.” (v. 9)

Why is love a _____ action?

Central thought:

Book ends:

How to Overcome Evil

Got enemies?

Leave it (_____) to the wrath of God

“Heaping burning coals on his head” means? See Prov. 25:21-22

- a) To punish
- b) To provide warmth
- c) To suddenly awaken one’s conscience

“Don’t be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (v. 21)

Life Group Questions

Head (what?)

How can you tell if someone’s love is genuine?

What does “fervent in spirit” look like?

Will people in the world ever be able to live in harmony with one another? If so, when?

Heart (so what?)

When do you “associate with the lowly”?

What benefit is there to honor someone who does not honor you?

How do you keep from wanting to have vengeance on those who have wronged you?

Hands (now what?)

What broken relationship is God calling you to make peace with?

How are you applying these Christian traits in your life?

How can God use discipleship to develop Christian traits?

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Song of Response: “Christ, You Call Us All to Service”

Christ, You call us all to service, Call us all who follow You.
Plant in us a deep commitment all Your work and will to do.
Fire a passion for Your justice, in us kindle love of peace,
Help us heal the brokenhearted, to the captive bring release.

Teach us how to work together; brothers, sisters, side by side.
Equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied.
To each one some gift is given, man or woman, youth or old;
Help us use each skill and talent, Your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife;
Seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life.
Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be,
Send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

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Prayers

Pastor: When we're down and helpless, when lies are reigning, when fear
and indifference are growing,

Congregation: May Your kingdom come.

Pastor: When joy is missing, when love is missing, and unbelief is growing,

Congregation: May Your kingdom come.

Pastor: To those who are sick and lonely, to those who are imprisoned and
tortured,

Congregation: May Your kingdom come.

Pastor: Into the churches, into our praying, into our singing,

Congregation: May Your kingdom come.

Pastor: Into our hearts, into our hands, into our eyes,

Congregation: May Your kingdom come. Soon! Amen.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Sending & Blessing

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace: have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; help the suffering; honor all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: With God's help we will.

Pastor: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever.

Congregation: Amen.

—based on 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:13-22; 1 Peter 2:17

Closing Song: "Build My Life"

Worthy of every song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You.

Jesus the name above every other name.
Jesus the only One who could ever save.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. Oh, we live for You.

Holy, there is no one like You.
There is none besides You.
Open up my eyes in wonder.
And show me who You are and fill me
With Your heart and lead me
In Your love to those around me.

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I will build my life upon Your love it is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken.

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Friendship Celebration Announcements ~ August 30, 2020

Altar Flowers – If you are interested in donating flowers for the altar, please sign up on the chart on the kiosk. Instructions are by the chart.

Friendship Celebration is happy to announce a new ministry! STUDENT CARE - Ministry for At-Home Schooling. We care about families & youth at FCLC. We seek to provide a fun, safe, & Bible-centered affordable option for families in our local community who need a place for their student(s) to learn during this unique time we find ourselves in. STUDENT CARE is for families of Preschoolers through 6th Graders who need a day(s)/week or even a partial day or week. We will be following the West Ada school calendar. This means that we will begin September 8th with coverage from 7am to 6pm. Registration forms are available on our website: www.friendshipcelebration.org

Sunday school teachers needed for this fall! Classes are split into two groups- primary age (Pre-k to 2nd grade) and elementary age (3rd-6th grade). Materials are provided. We are looking for several teachers for each group so that we can rotate times and hopefully teach just 1 or 2 times a month. We will start in October. Please let Becky Brune know if you are interested. You can call or text at 208-477-8158 or e-mail at rebekahbrune@yahoo.com.

Keyboardist/Worship Team Members Needed! Love to sing or play a musical instrument? FCLC's Music Ministry can put your talents to good use. If you are interested in serving this year, please know that you are welcome if you are a strong singer or play an instrument and have a heart for music ministry. Please email Linda Hausch at lhausch@gmail.com.

Sharing of the Pics! Many thanks to all who have been sending in photos. If you have a fun photo, a family photo or anything that shares what you have been up to during the COVID19 stay-at-home mandate, we want to see and share it. Photos should be landscape orientation (turn your phone sideways), high resolution and .jpg format is preferred. Please email pictures to office@friendshipcelebration.org. Please send them into the office by Friday mornings; so that we can get them into each Sunday's video. The slideshow will be part of the online worship services which are available through Facebook Live and the church website. No names or information will be shared, just the picture. As photos are submitted, we'll have a new slideshow each week as a way of helping us stay connected and mindful of one another.

Dementia Caregivers Support Group – meets on Zoom every Tuesday evening at 7pm. For more information, please contact Donna Maier at 208-631-8923.

Reminder! Ada County Mask Mandate -- The Central District Health Board issued a county-wide order mandating facemasks be worn both inside and outside when social distancing of 6' or more cannot be maintained. There are some exceptions, such as if it creates hardship for people with certain medical conditions. Masks are worn in consideration of others as a way of reducing the risk of spreading the virus. Let us obey the law, gladly show respect for one another, and help create a safe and healthy environment as we gather. If you need a facemask, we have a supply available. Thank you!

Life Groups -- Anyone interested in joining one of our Life Groups can visit our website www.friendshipcelebration.org (look under "Connect" for Life Group webpage) and view the current list of life groups. If you find one you're interested in joining, please contact the leader of that group.

Prayer Chain-Prayer Requests - Call Jenny Kandler at 208-362-5410 or e-mail bob54109@msn.com to request prayer chain or if there are updates. If you email, also please call to let her know you've sent a prayer request via email. In the event that Jenny Kandler can't be reached for prayer chain, please call/notify, Donnette House (208-297-0775) at donnette15@gmail.com.

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Friendship Celebration's *Top Ten Core Values*

1. **Bible-centered Preaching, Teaching and Discipleship**
(2 Timothy 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:8-10)
2. **All People Matter to God**
(Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 28:18-20)
3. **Praise and Worship**
(Acts 2:42; Psalm 26:8; Colossians 3:16)
4. **Well-Mobilized Lay Leadership and Ministerial Staff**
(Ephesians 4:11-12; 1 Peter 4:10)
5. **Life, Nurture, Support and Other Small Groups**
(Hebrews 10:25)
6. **Prayer**
(Matthew 7:7-11; James 5:13-18)
7. **Excellence, Process and Evaluation**
(Romans 8:32; Colossians 3:23)
8. **Financial Responsibility**
(2 Corinthians 8-9)
9. **Fellowship, a Loving Christian Community**
(Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 6:17)
10. **Evangelism, Outreach and Lifestyle Witness**
(Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15)

Our Mission Statement

Celebrating: God the Father's love for us in creating us and giving His Son

Connecting: In faith with Jesus, Our Savior, and with others in love and care

Communicating: God's love in the power of the Holy Spirit