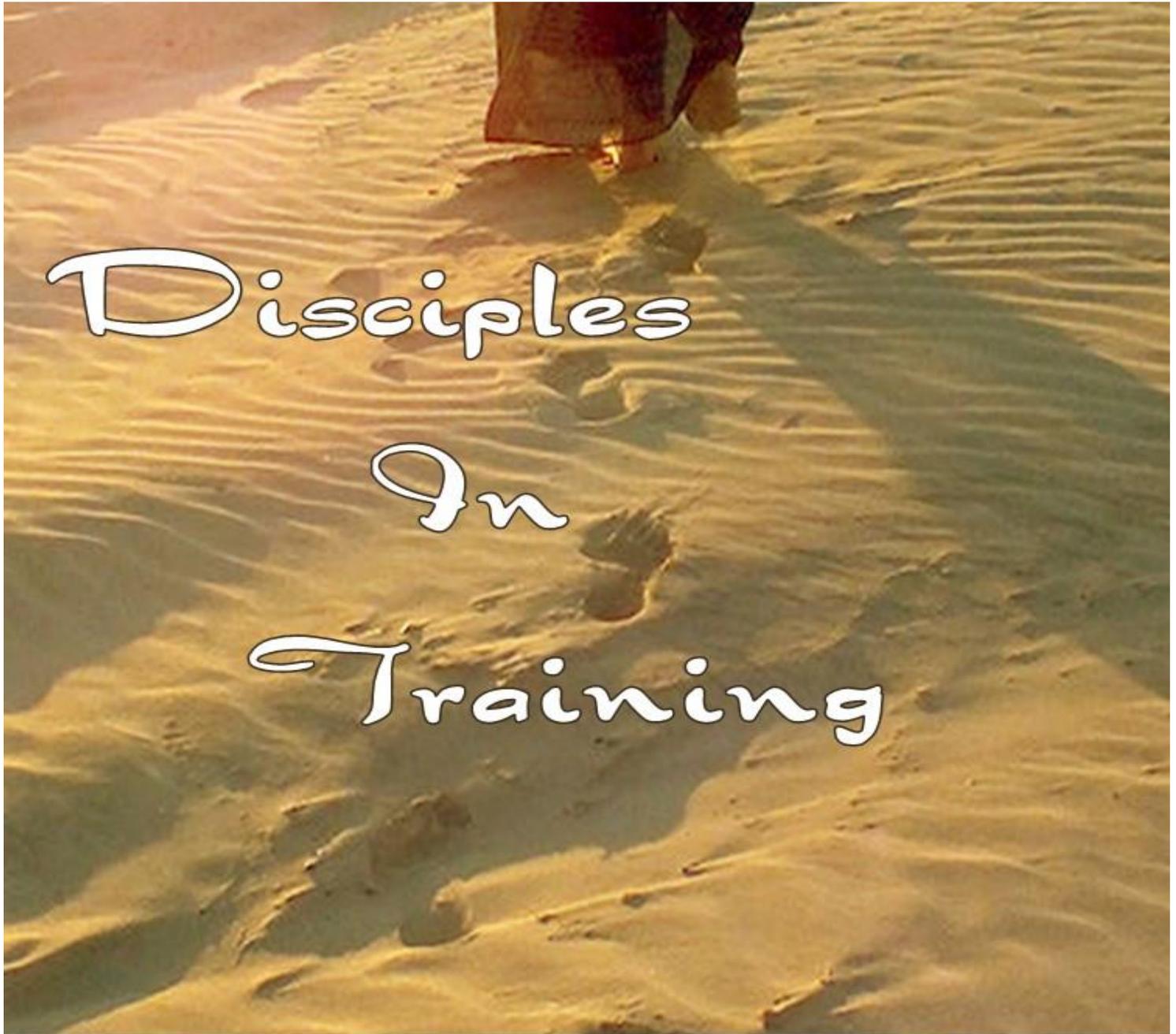


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## **WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. A special welcome is extended to those visiting with us. The truth of Jesus divides. This is why there will never be complete peace here on earth. However, true peace can only be found in Jesus. God's blessings on your worship this morning!

### **AS YOU PREPARE TO WORSHIP**

- Please sign an attendance card. Pass to the center of the isle (will be collected after offering).
- Please silence your cell phone.
- Children are welcomed in worship! There are busy bags available in the narthex with coloring pages and books. There will be a Children's Time during worship for your child(ren) to go up front with the pastor. If your child becomes fussy, you may prefer to use the nursery room (toys are available in the room and there is audio and video of the service).

### **THOSE SERVING TODAY**

<b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Keith Reich	<b>Organist:</b> Bonnye Wenzel	<b>Usher Captain:</b> Sonny De La Garza
<b>Elders:</b> Howard Cox & Doug Wagner	<b>Acolytes:</b> Nathan Hall & Daniel Olalde	
<b>Offering Counter:</b> Buckie Pate	<b>Greeters:</b> Juanita Seider & Tracy Seider	<b>Trustee:</b> Derrel Hungerford

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

#### **HYMN — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" # 549**

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.**

**Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, who from His altar call;  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod and crown Him Lord of all.  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod and crown Him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all.**

**Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, man divine, and crown Him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, man divine, and crown Him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet and crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet and crown Him Lord of all.**

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.

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**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**  
**“Living Hope”**

How great a chasm that lay between us,  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to heaven,  
And spoke Your name into the night,  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness,  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory,  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven,  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

**Chorus:** Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I assure you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C: Amen.**

**“Living Hope”**

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion,  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Then came the morning that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion,  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus, Yours is the victory!**

**Chorus 2 times and Ending**

**Ending: Jesus Christ, my living hope, Oh God, You are my living hope.**

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**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**P: Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING — *Jeremiah 28:5-9***

<sup>5</sup> Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>

Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet." (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING — *Romans 7:1-13***

<sup>1</sup> Or do you not know, brothers-- for I am speaking to those who know the law-- that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup> For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup> Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. <sup>4</sup> Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup> For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup> But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. <sup>7</sup> What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." <sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup> I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup> The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup> So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. <sup>13</sup> Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **ALLELUIA and VERSE — page 205**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**These things are written that you may believe**  
**That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL READING — *Matthew 10:34-42***

<sup>34</sup> "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup> And a person's enemies will be those of his

own household. <sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>40</sup> "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup> The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup> And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward." (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH — Apostles' Creed** *(inside back cover of hymnal)*

**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**

#### **HYMN — "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" # 851**

**Lord of glory, You have bought us with Your lifeblood as the price.  
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil with Your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone.  
Till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.**

**Wondrous honor You have given to our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master, that You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?**

**Lord of glory, You have bought us with Your lifeblood as the price.  
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly, hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces, with Your love our love renew.**

**MESSAGE – *Disciples in Training: The Reality of the Message of Jesus!* – Matthew 10:34-42**

“As a result of what you have heard from God’s Word today, what is He giving you to believe or do this coming

week? \_\_\_\_\_

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**HYMN — “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way” # 857**

**Lord, help us walk Your servant way wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other’s need.**

**You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but pow’r You laid aside.  
You lived Your years in servanthood; in lowliness You died.**

**No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands  
Of those who seek to follow You and live by Your commands.**

**You bid us bend our human pride nor count ourselves above  
The lowest place, the meanest task that waits the gift of love.**

**Lord, help us walk Your servant way wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other’s need.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**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 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.**

**BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**SONG — “How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art”**

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

**Chorus:** How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great, is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The God-head, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. **Chorus**

**Bridge:** Name above all names, Worthy of all praise;  
My heart will sing, How great is our God  
**Repeat Bridge**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Chorus x 2

**Ending:** How great, how great is our God.