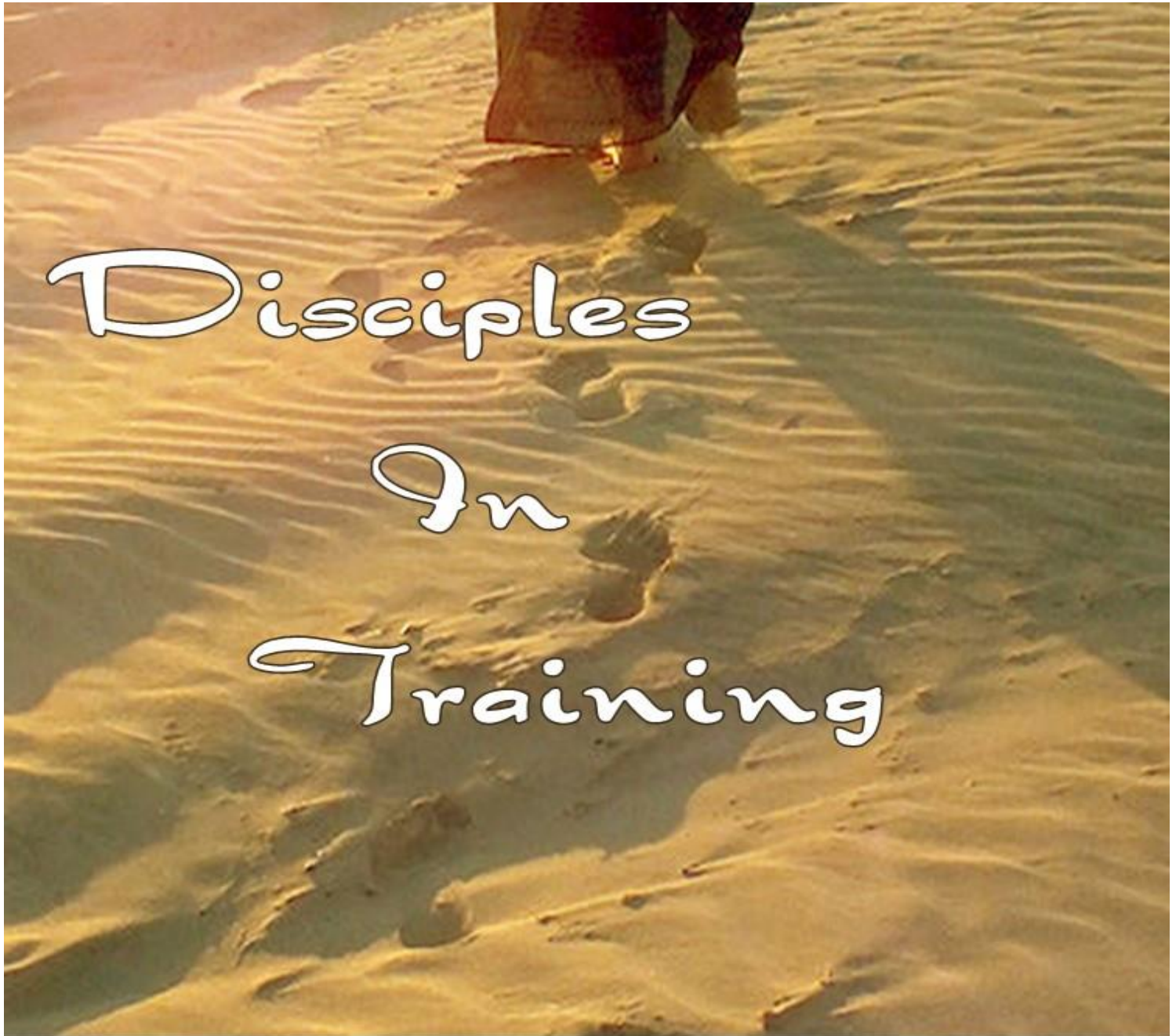


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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

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. We like to be in control of things. No matter how much we want to be in control, we are not. Jesus is in control. There are times when we want to make someone believe in Jesus, but ultimately, we do not control this. 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

Pastor: Rev. Keith Reich	Organist: Bonnye Wenzel	Usher Captain: Charles Jahns
Elders: Robert Reich & Robert Witzsche	Acolytes: Colton De La Garza & Easton Marwitz	
Offering Counter: Kay Zschiesche	Greeters: Shirley Sellers & Gayla Squyres	Trustee: Klayton Kensing

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HYMN — "O Day of Rest and Gladness" # 906

**O Day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light.
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly, through ages joined to bless,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," the triune God confess.**

**This day at earth's creation the light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus this day most glorious a three-fold light was giv'n.**

**This day, God's people meeting, His Holy Scripture hear;
His living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing, renewed with heav'nly might,
From grace more grace receiving, on this blest day of light.**

**That light our hope sustaining, we walk the pilgrim way.
At length our rest attaining, our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to Thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
The church her voice upraises to Thee, blest Three in One.**

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CONFESSIOIN and ABSOLUTION

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” # 740 vv. 1-2

**I am Jesus’ little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev’ry day the same, even calls me by my name.**

**Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go where the quiet waters flow.**

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.

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” # 740 v. 3

**Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd’s lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, there within His arms to rest.**

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 — *Isaiah 55:10-13*

¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²

"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING — *Romans 8:12-17*

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE — page 156

**Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING — *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."

¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this

is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." (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 — "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast" # 577

**Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.**

**Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.**

**Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundred-fold
The fruits of peace and joy.**

**So when the precious seed is sown,
Life giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow'r may know.**

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MESSAGE – *Disciples in Training: What Do You Control? – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

“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? _____

HYMN — “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” # 893

**Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.**

**God makes the clouds rain goodness, the desserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with His fullness, all things with large increase;
He crowns the year with blessing, with plenty and with peace.**

**Bring to the sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.**

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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 — “Way Maker”

**You are here moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You
You are here working in this place; I worship You, I worship You**

**Chorus: You are, Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness, My God that is who you are Repeat**

**You are here touching ev’ry heart; I worship You, I worship You
You are here healing ev’ry heart; I worship You, I worship You**

**You are here turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You
You are here mending ev’ry heart; I worship You, I worship You Lord
Chorus x 2**

**Tag: That is who You are, that is who You are,
That is who You are, that is who You are**

**Bridge: Even when I don’t see it You’re working,
Even when I don’t feel it You’re working
You never stop You never stop working,
You never stop You never stop working
Repeat Bridge 2 times and Chorus x 2 and Tag x 2**

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