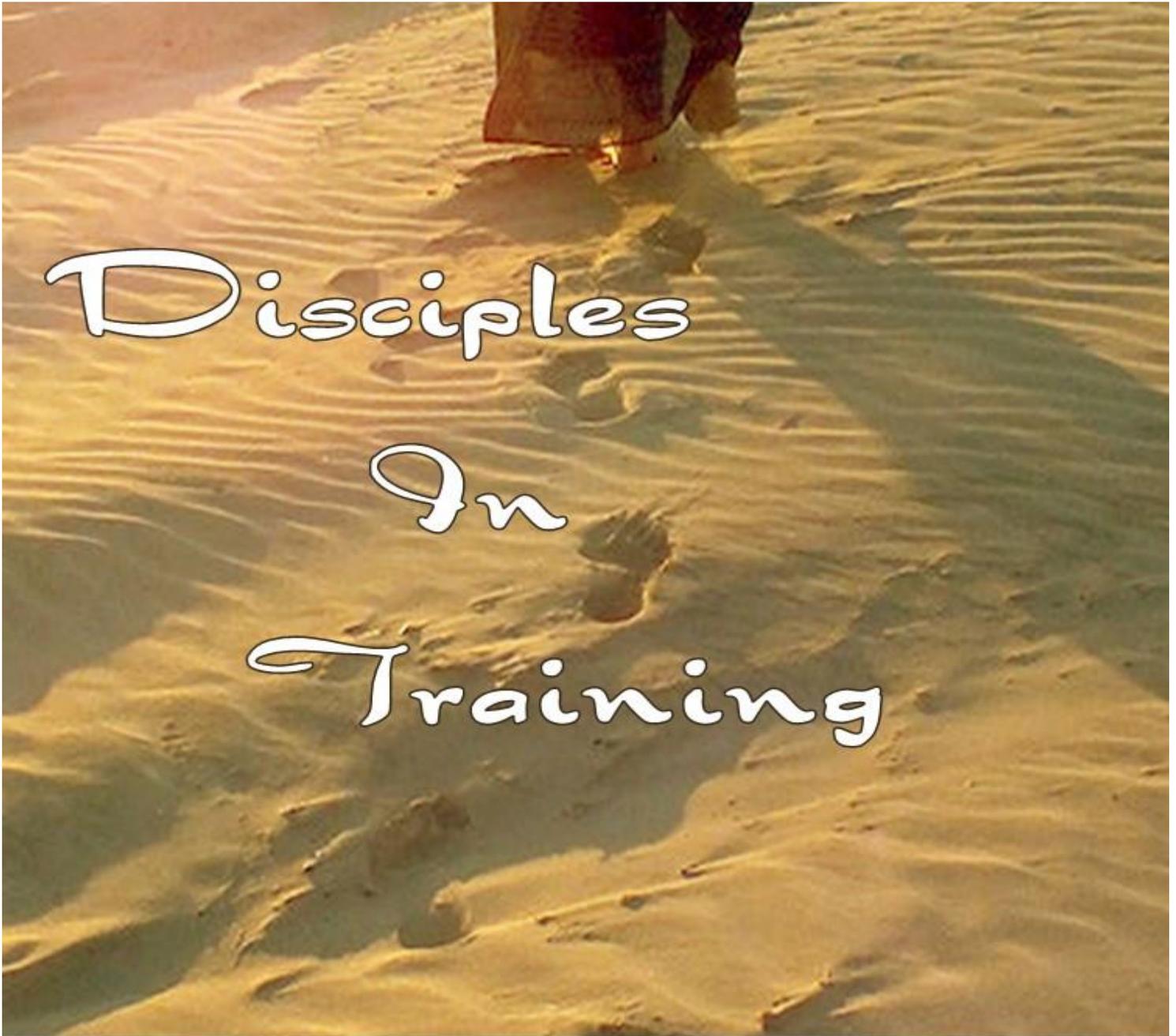


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## **WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!**

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 can always use some words of encouragement. The crowds were getting more hostile and you can probably sense the frustration and concern the disciples had. They needed some encouragement and so do we. They/we are the treasure that Jesus gave everything for. 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> Charles Jahns
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<b>Offering Counter:</b> Buckie Pate	<b>Greeters:</b> Alanda Tyson & Kim Tyson	<b>Trustee:</b> Klayton Kensing

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

#### **SONG — "Cornerstone"**

**Verse 1: My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly trust in Jesus' Name  
Repeat Verse 1**

**Chorus: Christ alone, Cornerstone, Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all**

**Verse 2: When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil Chorus**

**Interlude: He is Lord. Lord of all. Chorus**

**Verse 3: When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless stand before the throne**

**Chorus**

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**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

**“Who You Say I Am”**

**Who am I that the highest King would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in oh His love for me; Oh His love for me**

**Chorus 1: Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed, I’m a child of God yes I am**

**Free at last He has ransomed me His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me; Yes He died for me**

**Chorus 1 and Chorus 2**

**Chorus 2: In my Father’s house there’s a place for me, I’m a child of God yes I am.**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.  
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, and by His authority, 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.**

“Who You Say I Am” Repeat everything from first time

**Bridge:** I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me, I am who You say I am  
I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me, I am who You say I am, I am who You say I am  
Chorus 1 and Chorus 2 twice

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## **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray... Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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 — *Deuteronomy 7:6-9***

<sup>6</sup> "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup> It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup> but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING — *Romans 8:28-39***

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare

his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (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 13:44-52***

<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, 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 — “God Loved the World So That He Gave” # 571**

**God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.**

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.**

**If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!**

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**MESSAGE – *Disciples in Training: Who Needs Some Encouragement?* – Matthew 13:44-52**

“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 — “Beautiful Savior” # 537**

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I’d love Thee, Truly I’d serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr’wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forever more be Thine!**

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**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 — “Lifesong”**

**Verse 1:** Empty hands held high, such small sacrifice;  
If not joined with my life, I sing in vain tonight

**Pre-Chorus:** May the words I say and the things I do,  
Make my life-song sing, Bring a smile to You

**Chorus:** Let my lifesong sing to You, Let my lifesong sing to You  
I wanna sign Your name to the end of this day  
Knowin' that my heart was true, Let my lifesong sing to You

**Verse 2:** Lord I give my life, a living sacrifice,  
To reach a world in need, to be Your hands and feet  
Pre-Chorus and Chorus

**Bridge:** Hallelujah, hallelujah, Let my life-song sing to You  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Let my life-song sing to You  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Let my life-song sing to You  
Chorus 2 times

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