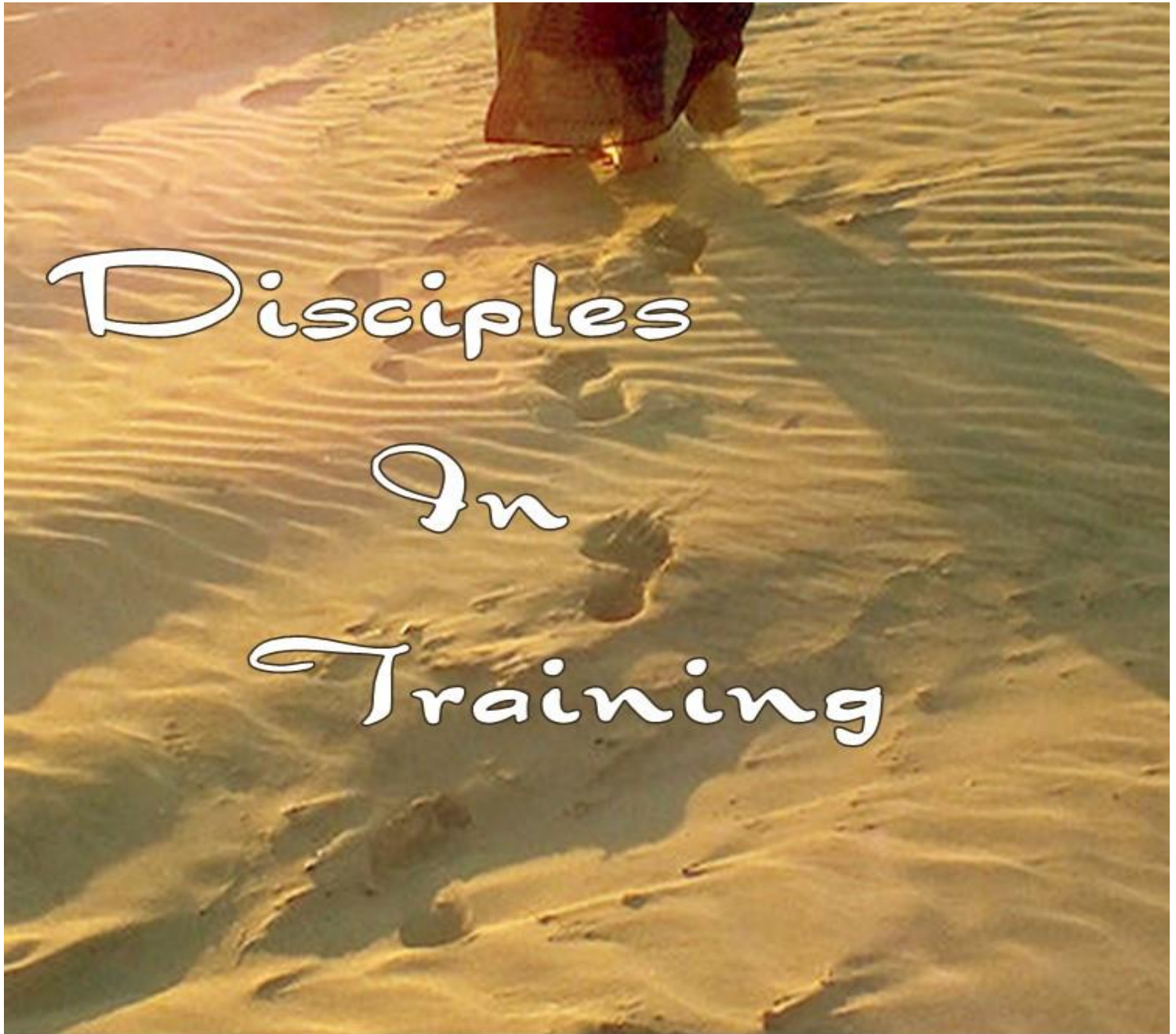


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## WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

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. While Jesus is certainly instructing the disciples to be about His work, it doesn't take much for the disciples to realize their inferiority. Their inability to provide for the crowd is overshadowed by Jesus' provision for the whole crowd with so little to start with. The disciples will still need the nourishment that Jesus provides to strengthen them and us as disciples in a fallen world. 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> Doyle Roberts
<b>Elders:</b> Jason Bussey & Tom White	<b>Acolytes:</b> Eli Marlar & Pierce Parks	
<b>Offering Counter:</b> Buckie Pate	<b>Greeters:</b> Kristi Wagner & Tammy Wagner	<b>Trustee:</b> Danny Crouch

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### HYMN — "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" # 816

**From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise;  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**△ All praise to God the Father be, all praise, eternal Son, to Thee.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Whom with the Spirit we adore, forever and forevermore:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

**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, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus, Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.**

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

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray... Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 55:1-5***

<sup>1</sup> "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING — *Romans 9:1-13***

<sup>1</sup> I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — <sup>2</sup> that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I

myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup> To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. <sup>6</sup> But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup> and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>8</sup> This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. <sup>9</sup> For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>10</sup> And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup> though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad — in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls — <sup>12</sup> she was told, "The older will serve the younger." <sup>13</sup> As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." (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 14:13-21***

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup> Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup> But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH — Nicene Creed** (*inside back cover of hymnal*)

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father**  
(*Nicene Creed continued on next page*)

before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of

the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in the holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### HYMN — "Now Thank We All Our God" # 895

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!

△ All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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#### MESSAGE – *Disciples in Training: Compassionate Provision of Jesus!* – Matthew 14:13-21

"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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**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.**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that as our Lord says, He gives to us not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.*

*(The wine is available in individual cups or the common cup. If you would like the common cup, keep your hands folded in front of you when the pastor goes by with the individual cups and he will return to you with the common cup. There is also available in the center of each tray white grape juice for those unable to receive wine.)*

**DISTRIBUTION — “Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness” # 563**

**Jesus, thy blood and righteousness, My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am, From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.**

**Lord, I believe, were sinners more, Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.**

**When from the dust of death I rise, To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.**

**Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.**

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**“What is This Bread” # 629**

**What is this bread? Christ’s body risen from the dead:  
This bread we break, this life we take, was crushed to pay for our release.  
O taste and see – the Lord is peace.**

**What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace brings His embrace of life and love until I sing!  
O taste and see – the Lord is King.**

**So who am I, that I should live and He should die  
Under the rod? My God, my God, why have You not forsaken me?  
O taste and see – the Lord is free.**

**Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul He makes us whole, Christ, truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see – the Lord is real.**

**Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe that I receive His very body and His blood.  
O taste and see – the Lord is good.**

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**“What A Friend We Have In Jesus” # 770**

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev’rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry ev’rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.**

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## **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.

## **HYMN — “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” # 922**

**Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing You are My own.**

**Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
God, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me;  
Grow n love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit’s power filled you, Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children, I will keep you and give you peace.**

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