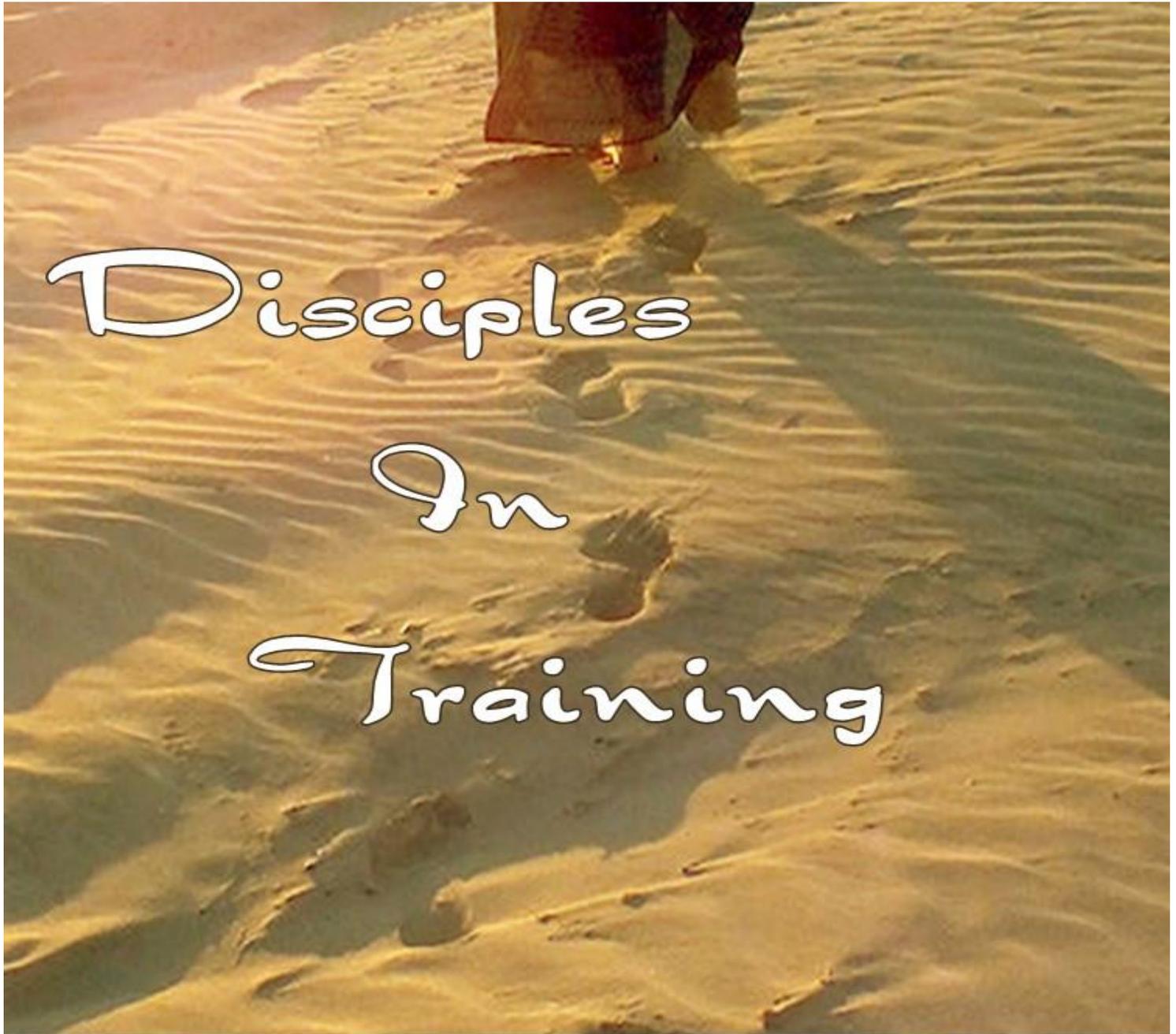


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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

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. Most people focus on Peter in this account and say something like “Peter began to sink when He took His eyes off Jesus”. This is true, but the bigger picture is this, we cannot help but look away. We continually do things that make us sink, but Jesus is always there lifting us up out of the water. 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: Doyle Roberts

Elders: Jason Bussey & Tom White

Acolytes: Addyson Clowdus & Piper Hanson

Offering Counter: Quin Hanson

Greeters: Jane Wagner & Kim Ward

Trustee: Danny Crouch

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SONG — “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O— my soul; Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1: The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever my pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. Chorus

Verse 2: You're rich in love and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Chorus

Verse 3: And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending;
Ten thousand years, and then forever more! Chorus

Ending: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O— my soul; Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.
Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

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CONFESSIO and ABSOLUTION

“Jesus Loves Me” # 588

Jesus loves Me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Let's His little child come in. Refrain

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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.

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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 most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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 — *Job 38:4-18*

⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵ Who determined its measurements – surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸ "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹ when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹ and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? ¹² "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³ that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴ It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵ From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶ "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷

Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸ Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING — *Romans 10:5-17*

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (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 14:22-33*

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But

when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." (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 — "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" # 722

**Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me from day today.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.**

**Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages, are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, in peace I go.**

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,
I know that You will strengthen my steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me unto the end.**

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MESSAGE – *Disciples in Training: Rescued by Jesus!* – Matthew 14:22-33

“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 — “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” # 717

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, o’er which our traffic runs a main
By mountain pass or valley low; wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand from ev’ry peril on the land.**

**O Spirit, whom the Father sent to spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might save all who dare the eagle’s flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care from ev’ry peril in the air.**

**O Trinity of love and pow’r, our people shield in danger’s hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them where-so-e’er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee glad praise from air and land and sea.**

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GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS — (Give online at www.stjohnshamilton.org or text amount to 833-706-7586.)

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.

BACKPACK BLESSING (all teachers and students please come forward)

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 — “Mighty to Save”

**Everyone needs compassion,
Love that’s never failing let mercy fall on me;
Everyone needs forgiveness the kindness of a Saviour,
The hope of nations**

**Chorus: Saviour He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave**

**So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures fill my life again;
I give my life to follow, Everything I believe in, Now I surrender Chorus**

**Bridge: Shine the light and let the whole world see
We’re singing, For the glory of the risen King
Jesus, Shine your light and let the whole world see
We’re singing, For the glory of the risen King**

Chorus 2 times

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