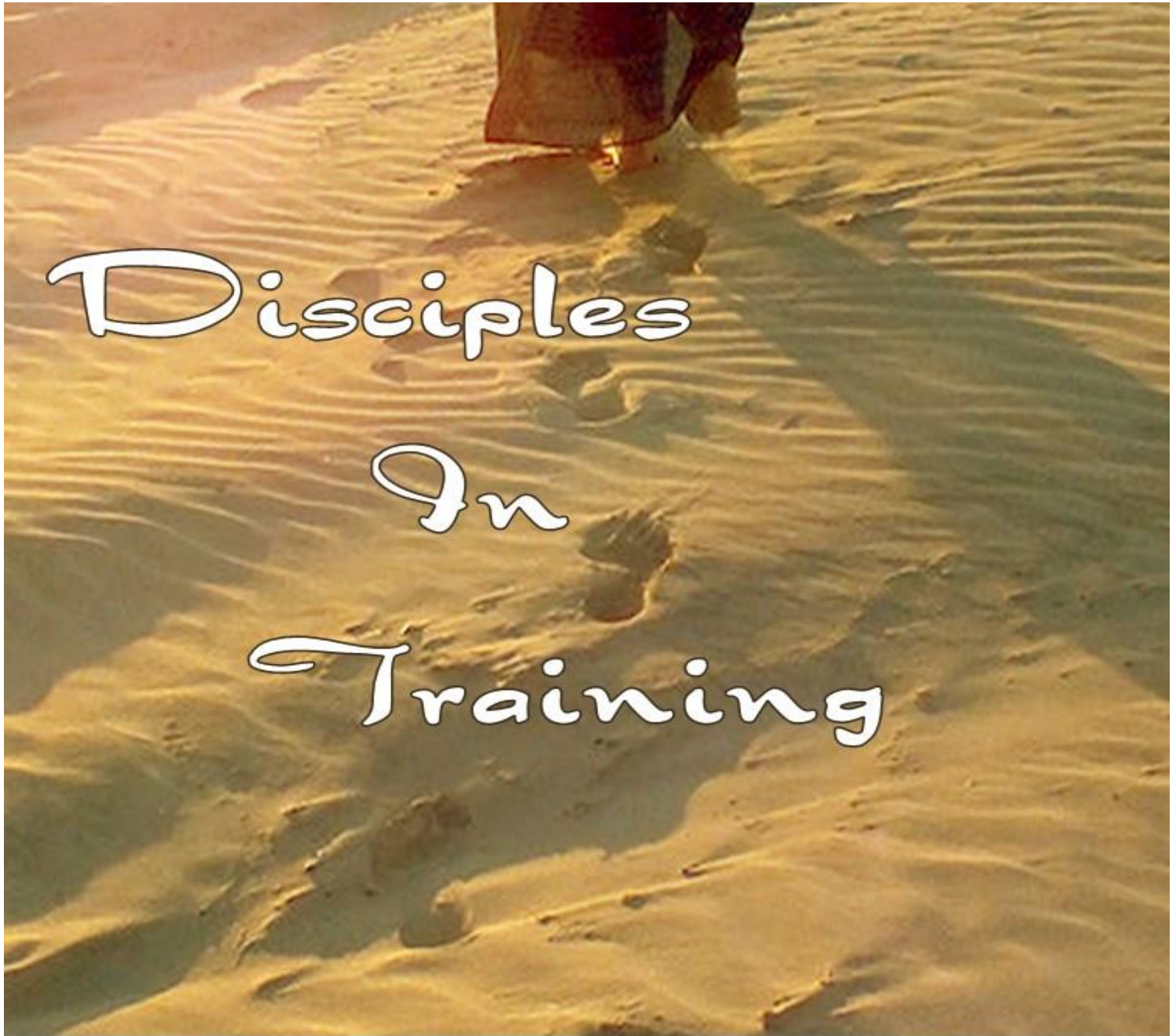


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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

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. When the disciples were asked by Jesus who He was Peter replied “You are the Christ”. Who do you say that Jesus is? Many people today have no clue who He is and that is why we are His disciples – to tell others. 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: Henlee Wagner & Kaitlyn Walton	
Offering Counter: Buckie Pate	Greeters: Bonnie Williams & Sandra Witte	Trustee: Danny Crouch

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HYMN — “Open Up the Heavens”

**We’ve waited for this day we’re gathered in Your Name, Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire, Will burn our hearts with truth**

**Pre-Chorus: You’re the reason we’re here;
You’re the reason we’re singing**

**Chorus: Open up the heavens we want to see You,
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart, Filling every part of our praise**

**Your presence in this place Your glory on our face, We’re looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You’re standing with us now, Lord unveil our eyes**

Pre-Chorus and Chorus

**Bridge: Show us show us Your glory, Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord**

Repeat Bridge (x2) and Chorus (x2) Ending

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

“Goodness of God”

**I love You Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I’ve been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**Chorus: All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

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

C: Amen.

P: God tells us that if we say we are without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. He also tells us that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins. We pause for a moment of silence as we reflect on our sinful condition.

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

P: We come before God confessing our sinfulness together.

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that our hearts are deceitful and our thoughts, words and actions are motivated by self-gain. Left to our own, we do the things we know we should not do. We also fail to stand up and confess Your Son as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Forgive our sins and help us to walk in Your ways so that we can be a witness to the world of who You are. 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.

“Goodness of God”

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night You are close like no other.
I’ve known You as a father, I’ve known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God. Chorus

Bridge: Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me.
With my life laid down, I’m surrendered now;
I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me.
Bridge and Chorus 2 times

Ending: I will sing of the goodness of God.

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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 God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING — *Isaiah 51:1-6*

¹ "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³ For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens

vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING — *Romans 11:33-12:8*

^{11:33} Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

^{12:1} I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (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 16:13-20*

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist,

others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. (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 — "The Church's One Foundation" # 644

**The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o're all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endured.**

**Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, may see You face to face.

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MESSAGE – *Disciples in Training: Who Is Jesus? – Matthew 16:13-20*

“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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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 — “The Blessing”

**The Lord bless you and keep you
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.**

Repeat

**Chorus: A – men, a-men, a-men
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Verse & Chorus

**Bridge 1: May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations
 And your family and your children and their children and their children**
Repeat Bridge 1

**Bridge 2: May his presence go before you and behind you and beside you
 All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you**

**Bridge 3: In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going
 In your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you**

**Tag: He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you
 He is for you, He is for you, He is for you**
Chorus & Verse

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