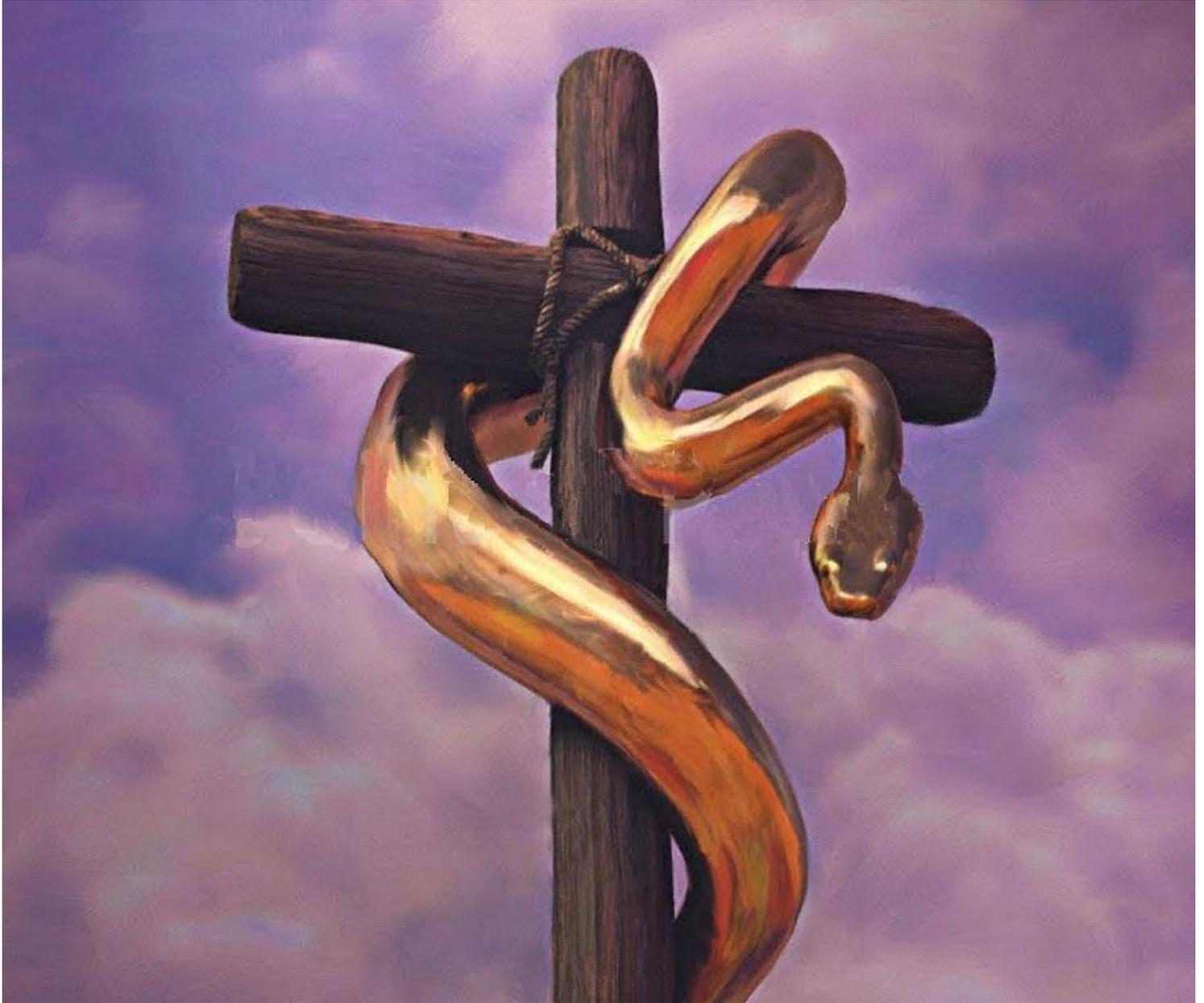


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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

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. The Israelite people continued to complain and rebel. They blamed Moses and Aaron for everything that happened to them. God sent fiery serpents that killed some. Only those who looked to the bronze serpent were saved from God's judgment. God provides a way for us to be saved from our rebellion and that is by looking to Jesus on the cross. 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 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: Lee Roy Tyson
Elders: Ryan Polster & Lucas Robinson	Acolytes: Eli Marlar & Easton Marwitz	
Offering Counter: Buckie Pate	Greeters: Mischelle Bottlinger & Pat Crouch	Trustee: Johann Jeschke

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SONG — "God So Loved"

**Verse 1: Come all you weary, come all you thirsty, Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.**

**Verse 2: Come all you sinners, come find His mercy. Come to the table; He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for.**

**Chorus 1: For God so loved the world that He gave us, His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.**

**Verse 3: Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Jesus is waiting there with open arms.**

**Chorus 2: For God so loved the world that He gave us, His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The pow'r of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

**Bridge: Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love.**

Repeat Bridge

**Chorus 3: For God so loved the world that He gave us, His one and only Son to save us.
For God so loved the world that He gave us, His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The pow'r of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

**Verse 4: Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.**

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**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION
"Living Hope"**

**How great a chasm that lay between us,
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven,
And spoke Your name into the night,
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness,
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written,
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

**Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory,
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven,
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

**Chorus: Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain,
there's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

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.

“Living Hope”

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe, Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion,
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe, Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion,
Declared the grave has no claim on me, Jesus, Yours is the victory!
Chorus 2 times and Ending**

Ending: Jesus Christ, my living hope, Oh God, You are my living hope.

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, 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 — *Numbers 21:4-9*

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING — *Ephesians 2:1-10*

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience – ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (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 — *John 3:14-21*

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this

is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God." (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 — "By Grace I'm Saved" # 566

**By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain.**

**By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.**

**By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit, That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.**

**By grace! This ground of faith is certain; As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done; Depends on grace – grace through His Son.**

**By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure; If grace were not my anchor sure?**

**By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown; Since I am saved by grace alone.**

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MESSAGE – God Judges Rebellion! – Numbers 21:4-9

“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? _____

SONG — “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.

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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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.

HYMN — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” # 918

**Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell’s destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.**

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