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**Leading our community into a deep connection in Christ**

**Worship Service for May 24, 2020 at 11:30 AM**

**Welcome**

**Opening Song:**Come, Now Is the Time for Worship

Verse:

Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart

Come, just as you are to worship

Come, just as you are before your God

Come

(Repeat)

Chorus:

One day every tongue will confess You are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure remains for those

Who gladly choose You now

(Repeat)

(Verse 1x)

**Invocation**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Come into the presence of the Lord our God.

C: Have mercy, O Lord. If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(a time of silence to reflect and personally confess our sins)

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Let us confess our sin before the Lord.

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are sinners.  We have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your 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: The Lord is gracious and merciful. He promises to forgive our sins. Therefore, upon this, your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, in the stead and by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Praise the Lord! Great are His mercies, they are new every morning. Great is His Faithfulness.

**Song of Praise and Thanksgiving:** Beautiful Savior

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 is the woodlands

Robed in the flow’rs of blooming spring

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer.

He makes our sorrowing spirit sing

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of man.

Glory and honor, praise adoration

Now and forever more be Thine!

**Epistle Reading -**Ephesians 1:15–23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

**Gospel Reading** - Luke 24:44–53

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

**Children's Message**

**Sermon Hymn***–*In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found.

He is my light, my strength, my song

This Cornerstone, this solid ground.

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease

My Comforter, my All in All. Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,

Fullness of God in helpless babe

This gift of love and righteousness,

Scorned by the ones He came to save

‘Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satis-fied

 For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay,

Light of the world by darkness slain

Then bursting forth in glorious Day,

Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victor-y, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me

For I am His and He is mine,

Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me

From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell, no scheme of man,

Can ever pluck me from His hand ‘til He returns or calls me home,

Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand

No power of hell, no scheme of man,

Can ever pluck me from His hand

‘til He returns or calls me home,

Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand

‘til He returns or calls me home,

Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand

**Sermon** - "Oh, To Spend One Day with Jesus"

Acts 1:1–11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

**Apostles' Creed**

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 there 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.

**Prayers**

**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**

**Closing Song:**Forever

Verse 1:

The moon and stars they wept. The morning sun was dead

The Savior of the world was fallen.

His body on the cross. His blood poured out for us.

The weight of every curse upon Him

Verse 2:

One final breath He gave, As Heaven looked away

The Son of God was laid in darkness.

A battle in the grave. The war on death was waged.

The power of hell forever broken

Pre-Chorus:

The ground began to shake. The stone was rolled away

His perfect love could not be overcome

Now death where is your sting. Our resurrected King

Has rendered you defeated

Chorus:

Forever, He is glorified. Forever, He is lifted high

Forever, He is risen. He is alive; He is alive!

(Pre-Chorus)

(Chorus)

Bridge:

We sing hallelujah. We sing hallelujah

We sing hallelujah. The Lamb has overcome

(Repeat 2x)

(Chorus 2x)

**Online Offering**

**Upcoming Events**

**May 24, 4 PM – Communion Service**

Song and Dance Dance Studio

27221 Foamflower Blvd. Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

**May 28, 7 PM – A Time of Prayer**

Facebook, Youtube, and FaithWesleyChapel.com

**May 29, 7 PM – Growth Group Bible Study**

Zoom

**May 31, 11:30 AM – Worship Service**

 **“***Oh, To Spend One Day with Jesus***”**

Facebook, Youtube, and FaithWesleyChapel.com

**May 31, 12:30 PM – Congregational Meeting**

(For all people considering worshiping in person at Faith)

Zoom

