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

**Worship Service for August 29, 2021 at 11 AM**

**Welcome**

**Invocation**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Our Heavenly Father asks us to come into His presence, but we are sinful and unworthy. Truly, all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, but Jesus Christ died on the cross that we may be forgiven and washed clean of all our sins by His blood poured out on the cross.

C: Lord, if You wash us, we will certainly be clean and pure.

P: We join together in singing, “At the Cross”

**At the Cross (Love Ran Red)**

There’s a place, where mercy reigns and never dies  
There’s a place, where streams of grace flows deep and wide

*Pre-Chorus:*All the love, I’ve ever foundComes like a flood, comes flowing down

*Chorus:*At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my lifeI’m in awe of you; I’m in awe of youWhere your love ran red, and my sins washed white  
I owe all to you, I owe all to you, Jesus

There’s a place, where sin and shame are powerless  
Where my heart has peace with God, and forgiveness

*Pre-Chorus:*All the love, I’ve ever foundComes like a flood, comes flowing down

*Chorus:*At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my lifeI’m in awe of you; I’m in awe of youWhere your love ran red, and my sins washed whiteI owe all to you, I owe all to you, Jesus

P: We take a moment to bow before the His cross and silently reflect on our lives and confess our sins.

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

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ and His suffering and death on the cross, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

**At the Cross (Love Ran Red) continues…**

*Bridge:*

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground

Here I bow down, here I bow down

Here arms open wide, here you saved my life

Here I bow down, here I bow

*(Repeat Bridge)*

*(Chorus 2x)*

P: The Lord our God is merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. Therefore I announce unto you the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His 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.

**Old Testament - Isaiah 29:13-14, 18-19**

And the Lord said:  
“Because this people draw near with their mouth  
 and honor me with their lips,  
 while their hearts are far from me,  
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,  
therefore, behold, I will again  
 do wonderful things with this people,  
 with wonder upon wonder;  
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,  
 and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”...

...In that day the deaf shall hear  
 the words of a book,  
and out of their gloom and darkness  
 the eyes of the blind shall see.  
The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord,  
 and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

**Epistle Reading - Ephesians 6:10-20**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

**Children's Message** *(Children dismissed to Children's Church)*

**Sermon Hymn - The Church's One Foundation**

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'er 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 endued.

Yet she on earth hath 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.

**Sermon -** "Spiritual Purity"

**Sermon Text - Mark 7:1-2, 5, 9–23**

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed .... And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”...

...And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)— then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus, he declared all foods clean.) And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C: Praise be to You, o Christ.

**Offering**

**Prayers:** *Text in prayer requests to (813) 602-1104‬*

**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.

**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 Institution**

**Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
C: And also, with you.  
P: We greet each other in the peace of Christ.

**Distribution**

**Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song - Joy Of The Lord**

Though the tears may fall my song will rise,   
my song will rise to You  
Though my heart may fail my song will rise,   
my song will rise to You  
While there's breath in my lungs, I will praise You Lord  
In the dead of night, I’ll lift my eyes, I’ll lift my eyes to You  
Though the waters rise I’ll lift my eyes, I’ll lift my eyes to You  
While there's hope in this heart, I will praise You Lord

Chorus:  
The joy of the Lord is my strength.   
The joy of the Lord is my strength  
In the darkness I’ll dance, in the shadows I’ll sing  
The joy of the Lord is my strength

When I cannot see You with my eyes, let faith arise to You  
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine, let faith arise to You  
God of mercy and love, I will praise You Lord

How You shine with glory Lord of light, I feel alive with You  
In Your presence now I come alive, I am alive with You  
There is strength when I say "I will praise You Lord"

Chorus 2x

When sorrow comes my way, You are the shield around me  
Always You remain my courage in the fight  
I hear You call my name, Jesus I am coming  
Walking on the waves, reaching for Your light

Chorus 2x

**Sermon Notes:**

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**Upcoming Events**

**Today, Noon – Facility Vision Meeting**Pizza and drinks will be served  
Song and Dance Studio

**September 5, 4PM – New Members Class**  
Pastor Kurt’s house

**September 20, 7 PM Council Meeting**  
Zoom

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