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

**Worship Service for November 20, 2022, at 11 AM**

**Welcome**

**Opening Song –** Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Verse 1:

Praise to the Lord The Almighty, the King of creation

O my soul, praise Him for He is your health and salvation

Let all who hear, Now to His temple draw near

Joining in glad adoration

Verse 2:

Praise to the Lord Who o’er all things is wondrously reigning

And as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining

have you not seen, All that is needful has been

Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Verse 5:

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him

All that has life and breath Come now with praises before Him

Let the - men Sound from His people again Gladly forever adore Him  
  
**Invocation**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

**P:** Our Heavenly Father asks us to come into His presence.

**C:** But we are sinful and unworthy.

**P:** Yes, 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 spilled on the cross.

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

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

(Time of silence for reflection and confession)

**P:** Let us confess, together, our sins to God our Father.

**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 have not lived out our faith in our community. 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:** 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, and by His authority, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen

**Song of Praise and Thanksgiving:** Overcome

Verse 1:

Seated above, enthroned in the Father's love

Destined to die, poured out for all mankind

God's only son perfect and spotless one

He never sinned, but suffered as if he did

Pre-Chorus:

All authority, every victory is Yours

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Chorus:

Savior, worthy of honor and glory, worthy of all our praise, You overcame

Jesus, awesome in power forever, awesome and great is Your name, You

Overcame

Verse 2:

Power in hand speaking the Father's plan

You're sending us out, light in this broken land

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge:

We will overcome by the blood of the Lamb

and the word of our testimony, everyone overcome   
  
**First Reading –**Revelation 22:12-17

“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Reading** – Matthew 11:7-15

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

“‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face,

who will prepare your way before you.’

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.  
P: This is the Word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

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

**Sermon Song***–*O Praise The Name (Anastasis)

Verse 1:

I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me

I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.

My Saviour on that cursed tree

Verse 2:

His body bound and drenched in tears.

They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb

The entrance sealed by heavy stone.

Messiah still and all alone

Chorus:

O praise the Name of the Lord our God.

O praise His Name forevermore

For endless days, we will sing Your praise.

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Verse 3:

Then on the third, at break of dawn

The Son of heaven rose again

O trampled death, where is your sting.

The angels roar for Christ the King

(Chorus)

Verse 4:

(Light)

He shall return in robes of white.

The blazing sun shall pierce the night

And I will rise among the saints,

My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

(Chorus 2x)

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

**Sermon** – Series - Navigating the Plan  
This Week - "Malachi: The Final Word"

Sermon text: Malachi 3:1-5,4:1-6

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts...

...“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”  
P: This is the Word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

**Prayers:** *Text in prayer requests to (813) 326-5255*

**Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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

**Offering**

**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:**Our God/All Hail the Power of Jesus Christ

Our God -Verse1:

Water You turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind

There's no one like You, None like You

Our God -Verse2:

Into the darkness You shine , Out of the ashes we rise

There's no one like You, None like You

Our God - Chorus:

Our God is greater. Our God is stronger.

God You are higher than any other

Our God is healer, Awesome in power, Our God, Our God

Crown Him -Verse1:

All hail the pow'r of Je- sus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all

Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all

Crown Him -Verse3: (start with strum on chord changes.)

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all

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**Sermon Notes:**

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**Upcoming Events**

**Date, time, title**Location

**Second Tuesday, 7 PM Council Meeting**  
Zoom

**--------------------------- Faith’s Financial Update ---------------------------**

June's Budgeted Expenses: $6,575

June's General Fund Gifts and Offerings to Date: $???

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