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

**Worship Service for August 25, 2024 at 11 AM**

**Welcome**

**Invocation**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

**P:** When we come into the presence of God we cannot help but see our sinfulness. God does not require us to cleanse our own sin and be perfect of our own power for, surely, we could never achieve this. Instead, He tells us to come just as we are and receive His great mercy.

**Song:** Just As I Am

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not,
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about,
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
Lamb of God, I come! I come!

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

**C:** Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and each other. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ and His suffering and death on the cross, please forgive us and help us to live according to Your ways. Amen

**Just As I Am Verse 4:**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come! © Public Domain

**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.

**Song of Praise and Thanksgiving -** This Is the Feast

Refrain:
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
*(Refrain)*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are His. *(Refrain)*

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation;

“Blessing, honor, glory, and might,
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.”
*(Refrain)*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia!
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**Old Testament Reading -** Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, O peoples;
 let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the living
 and has not let our feet slip.
For you, O God, have tested us;
 you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the net;
 you laid a crushing burden on our backs;
you let men ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
 I will perform my vows to you,
that which my lips uttered
 and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,
 with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
 and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
I cried to him with my mouth,
 and high praise was on my tongue.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
 the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened;
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God,
 because he has not rejected my prayer
 or removed his steadfast love from me!

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

**Epistle Reading –** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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

**Gospel Reading -** Matthew 7:7-11

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

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

**Children's Message**

**Sermon Hymn -** What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One With God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You Our Christ

Chorus 1:
What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven Down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus 2:
What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

Bridge:
Death could not hold you, The veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For you are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no Equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3:
What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus
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**Sermon -** "Why Doesn't God Answer My Prayers?"

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

**Apostles' Creed** *(stand)*

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** *(stand)*

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**

**Benediction** *– The online service ends. The closing hymn video is on the Livestream page bulletin at FaithWesleyChapel.com with lyrics below. See announcements below as well.*

**Closing Song -**The Blessing *(stand)*

Verse:
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.

Chorus:
Amen. Amen. Amen.
*(Repeat)*

*(Verse)*

*(Chorus)*

Bridge:
May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations,
And your family and your children,
And their children and their children.
*(Repeat)*

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.
In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going,
In your weeping and rejoicing He is with you. He is with 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) (Bridge 2)* 2020 Music by Elevation Worship Publishing

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| **Serving This Week** |
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| **O.T. Reader:** Josh Strasheim | **Children’s Church Teacher:** |
| **Epistle Reader:** Larry Chmiel | Halston & Ben |
| **Acolyte:** Jacob Torgrimson  | **Children’s Church Assistant:** |
| **Com. Asst:** Larry Chmiel | N/A |
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| **Serving Next Week** |
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| **1st Reader:** Eli Bingaman | **Children’s Church Teacher:** |
| **2nd Reader:** Alanna Bingaman | N/A – Children’s Church  |
| **Acolyte:** Jacob Torgrimson | **Children’s Church Assistant:** |
| **Com. Asst:** Larry Chmiel | N/A – Children’s Church  |

**Upcoming Events**

**Aug 25, 5 PM Youth Game Night**
The Frost’s Home

**Aug 27, 7 PM Growth Group**
Renee’s Home

**Sept 8, After Service – Voter Meeting**
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