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"If then we entreat the Lord that He would forgive us, we also ought to forgive: for we are before the eyes of our Lord and God, and we must all stand at the judgment-seat of Christ, and each man must give an account of himself."

-Polycarp of Smyrna.

Happenings/Announcements!

A smattering of things to keep you in the Loop...

Lord's Supper Schedule—Look forward to celebrating the sacrament of communion next Sunday! For the time being we'll keep using our pre-packed cups. Note: We take communion every first and third Sundays of the month.

Church Family Goals & Prayers: 2021—As fast as it's going, this year ain't over yet! As a church family, we continue to ask that the Lord would move among us in meaningful ways. Please continue to think and pray about the five questions on our goal sheet: *"Five Ways to Pray & Engage: 2021,"* and consider your personal calling and giftings from that perspective.

Paradise Fellowship Dinners: Sat. Sept. 18—Connect with a small group of people from church for one dinner at someone's house here in town! Sign-up on the back table and Rowena Drake will send out more info about who your host will be as the date approaches!

Location Shift in Chico—Our facility shift to the Chico Seventh Day Adventist campus is coming! Although the official move date is still being determined, the move itself is sure. Stay tuned for further details!

Small Groups & Bible Studies—Looking for a place to connect throughout the week? Our *"Small Group Half-Sheet,"* needs a seasonal update (stay tuned for that!), but for now, ask Pastor Bryan or Josh if you want more info on places to connect. We'll point you in the right direction!

Serving at Church—Curious about current volunteer needs during Sunday worship? Here are two ideas of ways to pitch-in:

- **Pre-Church Prayer**—Come 30 minutes early to church to pray for God's work in the worship service and other prayer needs, too. Contact a pastor for more info.
- **PowerPoint Help**—Volunteer to help drive the slideshow during worship. If you are willing to serve morning or evening service worship in this way, and join a rotation, contact Pastor Bryan or Kevin Reid.

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- Link to our YouTube Channel
- Link to be added to Pastor Email list!
- Link to On-line Giving!
- Link to Facebook & Instagram

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Scriptures & Readings

For August 29, 2021

Call to Worship - Psalm 86:9-13

“All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.

**Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.**

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

**For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.”**



Prayer of Adoration & Praise - Psalm 103:7-14

*“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love. ...” -Ps. 103:8*

Gracious Father – Our hearts were made to worship. If it is not you at the center of our worship, our hearts will still magnify something: other people, other things, other pursuits, including and above all, the worship and pursuit of self.

**But your ways are higher than our ways,
and your thoughts, than our thoughts.**

We praise you, Father, as the Creator,

for making all things in beauty and wisdom;

We praise you, Lord Jesus, as the Son,

for giving Your life that we might live;

for seeking and saving the lost;

We praise you Holy Spirit,

**that you indwell us and seal us for the day of
redemption and judgment. [...]**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise [Cont.]

...For you are great and do wondrous things;

You alone are God.

Merciful; Gracious;

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

Amen.

Confession of Faith - Adapted from Philippians 2

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped. Instead, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in our likeness. We believe He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death—even death on a cross. We believe God has highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the Name above every other, that at the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. We believe we are called to rejoice in Him, and shine His light, as we daily work out our great Salvation. AMEN.

Preaching of God's Word - Romans 2:25-29

Sermon Title: “The Tale of the Stool and the Saw”

Pastor Josh Lee

²⁵ For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. ²⁶ So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? ²⁷ Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. ²⁸ For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. ²⁹ But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

*“The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever.”*

-Isaiah 40:8

Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26

“The LORD bless you and keep you...”

King Of My Heart

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song

You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down

When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on
When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on

CCLI Song # 7046145 John Mark McMillan | Sarah McMillan

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
And oh God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob
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CCLI Song # 2060208
Charlie Hall

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

CCLI Song # 7056332

Eleanor Henrietta Hull | Mary Elizabeth Byrne | Russell Mauldin

One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains
One thing remains

Your love Your love Your love will never change

Your love never fails
It never gives up
Never runs out on me
(REPEAT)

Your love

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains

In death in life I'm confident and
Cover'd by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that
Can separate my heart from Your great love
(REPEAT)

CCLI Song # 5508444

Brian Johnson | Christa Black Gifford | Jeremy Riddle