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*"All human nature vigorously resists grace because
grace changes us and the change is painful."*

-Flannery O'Conner

Call to Worship - Psalm 66:16-20

"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.

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

Happenings/Announcements!

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

Fall Welcome Seminar: Sat., Oct. 2—Come learn more about who we are, what we believe and why we do what we do! 11:30-4pm. Lunch provided. Location: is TBD. See sign-up next week!

Church Family Goals & Prayers: 2021—As a church family we continue to ask that the Lord would move among us in meaningful ways. Continue to think and pray about the 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? See our newly updated *"Small Group Half-Sheet"* on the back table! Ask Pastor Bryan or Josh if you want more info on places to connect.

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!
- **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 the volunteer 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!
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Scriptures & Readings

For September 5, 2021

Prayers of Petition & Supplication - *Philippians 4:6*

“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Faithful & Mighty Father—You say in Your Word, that we as Your people are to pray that Your kingdom would come and Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. So we come before Your throne of grace with all kinds of prayers and requests through Jesus Christ, our merciful and faithful high priest.

Thank you, Father, for hearing our prayers.

Father, You say in Your Word: *“Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His anointed...”* (Ps.2:1-2)

As we think on the nations, we think especially in these recent weeks of Haiti, Afghanistan and even our own nation. Father have mercy on all those who bear your image in these nations; intervene to preserve life and livelihoods. Rescue the vulnerable; Comfort the grieving; and make yourself known as the King and Redeemer you truly are in broken and weary places.

Please move in love and power among the nations, O God.

O God, the Scriptures say that You have given: *“the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God...”* (Eph.4:11-13)

As we think on Your church, we think of saints and congregations across our own nation and across the globe as well. Continue to make your name great in and through your Church! May all who profess to believe in you continually show the world who you are through faithful belief and obedience to the gospel, and also through humble repentance and confession in moments of sin and failure.

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Jesus you say: *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life...”* (Jn. 14:6)

As we think on our own hearts, we know we are prone to unbelief. We carry guilt and bitterness; we labor for things that fade. But you, O Lord, are the God of rest. Help us to enter your rest again and to abide in your way, your truth, and your life...

We do believe, O God; yet help our unbelief.

[...]

...We pray in the name of our blessed Savior, who daily bears us up.

God is our salvation. Amen.

Confession of Faith - *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 is seated 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 catholic church,** the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**separation from God*

***the Church in all times and places*

Preaching of God's Word - *Romans 3:1-8*

Sermon Title: “No Way, Jose!”

Pastor Josh Lee

¹Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? ²Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. ³What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? ⁴By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, “That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged.” ⁵But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) ⁶By no means! For then how could God judge the world? ⁷But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? ⁸And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper - *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

“This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me...”

Benediction - *Numbers 6:24-26*

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Come To The River

Come to the water all who are thirsty
Come and drink
Come to the table all who are hungry
Come and feast
Those who are weary those who are needy
Come receive
Come to the River come to the River
Taste and see

Oh Oh my soul thirsts for You
And You alone

I will taste and see that You are good
I will taste and see that You are good
I will taste and see that You are good
You're good to me

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Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

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Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Graves Into Gardens

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can

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