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*"Joy is a mystery because it can happen anywhere,
anytime, even under the most unpromising
circumstances, even in the midst of suffering,
with tears in its eyes."*

- Frederick Buechner

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! Hosted at the home of Brad and Janet Jacobsen (3171 Cinder Creek Dr.) 11:30-4pm. Lunch provided. Scan code to sign-up

Location Shift in Chico—Our facility shift to the Chico Seventh Day Adventist campus is coming! Our target date for the first Sunday is October 17. Stay tuned for further details about how we're preparing for the move!

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—We're really looking to bolster our volunteer groups for the Tech Team (sound, powerpoint, livestream) and Pre-Church Prayer. Let us know if you want more info or are ready to dive in by scanning the code

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Scriptures & Readings

For September 19, 2021

Call to Worship - Revelation 5:11-13

“Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

All: **“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”**

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

All: **“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”**



Prayers of Adoration - Job 37:14-16

*“Hear this, O Job; stop and consider the wondrous works of God.
Do you know how God lays his command upon them
and causes the lightning of His cloud to shine?
Do you know the balancings of the clouds,
The wondrous works of him who is perfect in knowledge?”*

Our Father in Heaven, who is like you?

You have no equal, and none to rival your majesty and perfection

Who else has placed the stars and set the planets on their course?

Only You, the creator and upholder of the universe

Who else has breathed life into His creation and sustained every breath?

Only You, the One in whom all things are made and hold together.

Who else watches over His people with such affection and care?

Only You, our faithful Father and friend.

Who else braved the depths of darkness and despair to rescue His people?

Only You, the loving savior of the world

Who else is worthy of never-ending praise that echoes through all eternity?

Only You, the Lord of all power, honor, glory, and blessing!

Confession of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A #1

Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?

A: My only comfort in life and death is that I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him—Christ—by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Preaching of God’s Word - 1 Peter 3:18-22

Sermon Title: “United to Christ”

Pastor Bryan D. Laws

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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 - II Corinthians 13:14

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all...”

Come, Jesus, Come

Come, Jesus, come
Breathe, Spirit, into dry lungs
Lift our weary heads
Jesus, we believe You can
Breathe, Spirit, into dry lungs

Lift our weary heads
Jesus, we believe You can
Every knee will bow before
Every heart will now You're Lord

Come, Jesus, come
Breathe, Spirit, into dry lungs
Lift our weary heads
Jesus, we believe You can
Every knee will bow before
Every heart will know You're Lord

Jesus What A Savior

Jesus what a Savior
What a brother what a friend
Lifter of the lowly
God You meet me where I am

Your heart it knows no borders
Knows no walls
You're constantly moving towards me
With open arms

I've never known a love like Yours
I've never known a love like Yours (no)
I've never known a love like Yours
I've never known a love like Yours

Hallelujah hallelujah
What a beautiful way You've shown us
Hallelujah hallelujah
What a wonderful Savior

Majesty

Here I am
Humbled by Your majesty
Covered by Your grace so free
Here I am
Knowing I'm a sinful man
Covered by the blood of the Lamb

Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine
Since You laid down Your life
The greatest sacrifice

Majesty majesty
Your grace has found me just as I am
Empty handed but alive in Your hands

Here I am
Humbled by the love that You give
Forgiven so that I can forgive
Here I stand
Knowing that I'm Your desire
Sanctified by glory and fire

Majesty majesty
Your grace has found me just as I am
Empty handed but alive in Your hands
Majesty majesty
Forever I am changed by Your love
In the presence of Your majesty

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In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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