



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

Loving God, loving one another, and embracing
our community and world with Jesus

Lord's Day Worship

September 27, 2020

Call to Worship

Isaiah 6:1-4

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn #100

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Jeremiah 13:15-17

*Hear and give ear; be not proud, for the Lord has spoken.
Give glory to the Lord your God before he brings darkness,
before your feet stumble on the twilight mountains, and while you look for
light he turns it into gloom and makes it deep darkness.*

*But if you will not listen, my soul will weep in secret for your pride;
my eyes will weep bitterly and run down with tears, because the Lord's flock
will be taken captive.*

Our Father, we confess that we fail to appreciate your unspeakable glory. We cannot comprehend even a fraction of your majesty, and what we do behold often terrifies us when compared to our sin. Forgive us, we pray, for all the times we fail to live in reverent awe of you. Help us to grow in worship and reverence through Jesus, who displayed your glory on earth. May his light shine through us so that the world will see your glory and give praise to you. For we pray in His Name. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Isaiah 6:5-7

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

How Wonderful the Father’s Love

Song

He Will Hold Me Fast

Song

Praying for the Mission of the Church

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Acts 20:35

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’

I Need Thee Every Hour

Hymn #674

Hearing God’s Word Together

The Gospel According to Acts

Acts 8. 25-40

A Divine Appointment

Take My Life and Let It Be

Song

Benediction

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

... thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing ... Who is sufficient for these things?

Scripture Reading

Acts 8. 25-40 (English Standard Version)

²⁵ Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place.

²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

*"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.*

*³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."*

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Gospel According to Acts
Acts 8. 25-40
A Divine Appointment

I. A Spirit-Driven Agenda

- A. An urgent commission

- B. A ready response

II. A New Covenant

- A. The limits of the _____

No one who is castrated shall enter the assembly of the LORD.

Deuteronomy 23.1

- B. The wideness of _____

At that time tribute will be brought to the LORD of hosts from a people tall and smooth, from a people feared near and far, a nation mighty and conquering, whose land the rivers divide, to Mount Zion, the place of the name of the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 18.7

III. A Powerful Witness

- A. A _____ question

"How can I, unless someone guides me?"

- B. A _____ response

"Beginning with the Scriptures ..."

Sermon Quotes and References

*Nobles shall come from Egypt;
Cush shall hasten to stretch out her hands to God.*

Psalm 68.31

Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God. Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; behold, Philistia and Tyre, with **Cush**— “This one was born there,” they say.

Psalm 87. 3-4

*In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from **Cush** ... from the coastlands of the sea.*

Isaiah 11. 10-11

Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, “The LORD will surely separate me from his people”; and let not the **eunuch** say, “Behold, I am a dry tree.” For thus says the LORD: “To the **eunuchs** who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

“And the **foreigners** who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

Isaiah 56. 3-8

This Week:

Tuesday Ladies *2 Kings* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church
..... Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at church
..... Ladies *Romans* Bible Study Intro, 6:30 p.m. at church
Wednesday..... Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Thursday..... *Revelation* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Saturday Ladies *James* Bible Study, 8:30 a.m. at the Pavilion

Future:

October 11..... Providence Deep Dive – Politics, 6:00 p.m. at church*

Announcements:

***God and Government: Embracing a Biblical Vision of Politics - October 11th 6-7pm**

Pastor Mark Fodale will be teaching and having an open time of Q&A. As our culture gears up with their own talking points for their side of the political aisle, we will be gearing up with the Word and diving deep into Scripture to understand a Biblical vision of politics.

Everyone is invited. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors! If you have any questions, please contact James and Rachael Condon.

Sermon Reference Map

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Acts 8. 25-40; A Divine Appointment

