



# SOUTH CLT PRES CHURCH

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Worship Service

Welcome

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Call to Worship

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*Isaiah 57:14-15*

LEADER: Comfort for the Contrite And it shall be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way."

**ALL: For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.**

Worship in Song

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE, GOD OF GLORY, LORD OF LOVE  
HEARTS UNFOLD LIKE FLOW'RS BEFORE THEE, OPENING TO THE SUN ABOVE  
MELT THE CLOUDS OF SIN AND SADNESS, DRIVE THE DARK OF DOUBT AWAY  
GIVER OF IMMORTAL GLADNESS, FILL US WITH THE LIGHT OF DAY

ALL THY WORKS WITH JOY SURROUND THEE, EARTH AND HEAVEN REFLECT  
THY RAYS  
STARS AND ANGELS SING AROUND THEE, CENTER OF UNBROKEN PRAISE  
FIELD AND FOREST, VALE AND MOUNTAIN; FLOWERY MEADOW FLASHING SEA  
CHANTING BIRD AND FLOWING FOUNTAIN, CALL US TO REJOICE IN THEE

THOU ART GIVING AND FORGIVING, EVER BLESSING, EVER BLEST  
WELLSPRING OF THE JOY OF LIVING, OCEAN DEPTH OF HAPPY REST  
THOU OUR FATHER, CHRIST OUR BROTHER, ALL WHO LIVE IN LOVE ARE THINE  
TEACH US HOW TO LOVE EACH OTHER, LIFT US TO THE JOY DIVINE

YOUR LOVE AWAKENS ME  
THERE WERE WALLS BETWEEN US  
BY THE CROSS YOU CAME AND BROKE THEM DOWN  
YOU BROKE THEM DOWN  
AND THERE WERE CHAINS AROUND US  
BY YOUR GRACE WE ARE NO LONGER BOUND  
NO LONGER BOUND

YOU CALLED ME OUT OF THE GRAVE  
YOU CALLED ME INTO THE LIGHT  
YOU CALLED MY NAME AND THEN MY HEART CAME ALIVE

YOUR LOVE IS GREATER  
YOUR LOVE IS STRONGER  
YOUR LOVE AWAKENS AWAKENS AWAKENS ME

FEEL THE DARKNESS SHAKING  
ALL THE DEAD ARE COMING BACK TO LIFE  
I'M BACK TO LIFE  
HEAR THE SONG AWAKEN  
ALL CREATION SINGING WE'RE ALIVE  
'CAUSE YOU'RE ALIVE

AND WHAT A LOVE WE'VE FOUND  
DEATH CAN'T HOLD US DOWN  
WE SHOUT IT OUT  
WE'RE ALIVE 'CAUSE YOU'RE ALIVE

YOUR LOVE AWAKENS ME  
YOUR LOVE IS GREATER  
YOUR LOVE IS STRONGER  
YOUR LOVE AWAKENS AWAKENS AWAKENS ME

10.00 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)  
BLESS THE LORD O MY SOUL, O MY SOUL  
WORSHIP HIS HOLY NAME  
SING LIKE NEVER BEFORE, O MY SOUL  
I'LL WORSHIP YOUR HOLY NAME

THE SUN COMES UP, IT'S A NEW DAY DAWNING  
IT'S TIME TO SING YOUR SONG AGAIN  
WHATEVER MAY PASS OR WHATEVER LIES BEFORE ME

LET ME BE SINGING WHEN THE EVENING COMES

BLESS THE LORD O MY SOUL, O MY SOUL  
WORSHIP HIS HOLY NAME  
SING LIKE NEVER BEFORE, O MY SOUL  
I'LL WORSHIP YOUR HOLY NAME

YOU'RE RICH IN LOVE AND YOU'RE SLOW TO ANGER  
YOUR NAME IS GREAT AND YOUR HEART IS KIND  
FOR ALL YOUR GOODNESS I WILL KEEP ON SINGING  
TEN THOUSAND REASONS FOR MY HEART TO FIND

BLESS THE LORD O MY SOUL, O MY SOUL  
WORSHIP HIS HOLY NAME  
SING LIKE NEVER BEFORE, O MY SOUL  
I'LL WORSHIP YOUR HOLY NAME

AND ON THAT DAY WHEN MY STRENGTH IS FAILING  
THE END DRAWS NEAR AND MY TIME HAS COME  
STILL MY SOUL WILL SING YOUR PRAISE UNENDING  
TEN THOUSAND YEARS AND THEN FOREVERMORE

BLESS THE LORD O MY SOUL, O MY SOUL  
WORSHIP HIS HOLY NAME  
SING LIKE NEVER BEFORE, O MY SOUL  
I'LL WORSHIP YOUR HOLY NAME  
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**Giving**  
**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastoral Intern Jim Haun  
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**Scripture Reading**  
*2 Kings 22:1-20*

Pastoral Intern Rob Jones

Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. And he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and walked in all the way of David his father, and he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the Lord, saying, "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may count the money that has been brought into the house of

the Lord, which the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people. And let it be given into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the Lord, and let them give it to the workmen who are at the house of the Lord, repairing the house (that is, to the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons), and let them use it for buying timber and quarried stone to repair the house. But no accounting shall be asked from them for the money that is delivered into their hand, for they deal honestly."

And Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord." And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. And Shaphan the secretary came to the king, and reported to the king, "Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the Lord." Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, "Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king.

When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the secretary, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, "Go, inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found. For great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us."

So Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter), and they talked with her. And she said to them, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: 'Tell the man who sent you to me, Thus says the Lord, Behold, I will bring disaster upon this place and upon its inhabitants, all the words of the book that the king of Judah has read. Because they have forsaken me and have made offerings to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched. But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall you say to him, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, because your heart was penitent, and you humbled yourself before the Lord, when you heard how I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, declares the Lord. Therefore, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place.'" And they brought back word to the king.

Then the king sent, and all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem were gathered to him. And the king went up to the house of the Lord, and with him all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the priests and the prophets, all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of the Lord. And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people joined in the covenant.

Before him there was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, nor did any like him arise after him.

Still the Lord did not turn from the burning of his great wrath, by which his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked him. And the Lord said, "I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and I will cast off this city that I have chosen, Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there."

Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? In his days Pharaoh Neco king of Egypt went up to the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates. King Josiah went to meet him, and Pharaoh Neco killed him at Megiddo, as soon as he saw him. And his servants carried him dead in a chariot from Megiddo and brought him to Jerusalem and buried him in his own tomb. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's place.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Pastoral Intern Rob Jones

Too Little Too Late? The Reign of Faithful Josiah  
*2 Kings 22-23*

I. The King Who Loves His God (22:1-20)

II. The King Who Is Not Enough (23:1-30)

Question 76: What is repentance unto life?

**ALL: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with Him in all the ways of new obedience.**

## Lord's Supper

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### Song of Response

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O GOD MY FATHER  
THERE IS NO SHADOW OF TURNING WITH THEE  
THOU CHANGEST NOT, THY COMPASSIONS THEY FAIL NOT  
AS THOU HAST BEEN, THOU FOREVER WILT BE

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS! GREAT IS THY  
FAITHFULNESS!  
MORNING BY MORNING, NEW MERCIES I SEE  
ALL I HAVE NEEDED THY HAND HATH PROVIDED  
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, LORD, UNTO ME

SUMMER AND WINTER, SPRINGTIME AND HARVEST  
SUN, MOON AND STARS IN THEIR COURSES ABOVE  
JOIN WITH ALL NATURE IN MANIFOLD WITNESS  
TO THY GREAT FAITHFULNESS, MERCY AND LOVE

PARDON FOR SIN AND A PEACE THAT ENDURETH  
THY OWN DEAR PRESENCE TO CHEER AND TO GUIDE  
STRENGTH FOR TODAY AND BRIGHT HOPE FOR  
TOMORROW  
BLESSINGS ALL MINE, WITH TEN THOUSAND BESIDE

## Benediction

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