



# SOUTH CLT PRES CHURCH

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Worship Service

Welcome

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Call to Worship

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*1 Timothy 6:15b-16*

**ALL: He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.**

Worship in Song

BLESSED ASSURANCE

BLESSED ASSURANCE JESUS IS MINE  
O WHAT A FORETASTE OF GLORY DIVINE  
HEIR OF SALVATION PURCHASE OF GOD  
BORN OF HIS SPIRIT WASHED IN HIS BLOOD

THIS IS MY STORY THIS IS MY SONG  
PRAISING MY SAVIOR ALL THE DAY LONG  
THIS IS MY STORY THIS IS MY SONG  
PRAISING MY SAVIOR ALL THE DAY LONG

PERFECT SUBMISSION PERFECT DELIGHT  
VISIONS OF RAPTURE NOW BURST ON MY SIGHT  
ANGELS DESCENDING BRING FROM ABOVE  
ECHOES OF MERCY WHISPERS OF LOVE

PERFECT SUBMISSION ALL IS AT REST  
I IN MY SAVIOR AM HAPPY AND BLEST  
WATCHING AND WAITING LOOKING ABOVE  
FILLED WITH HIS GOODNESS LOST IN HIS LOVE

### LIVING HOPE

HOW GREAT THE CHASM THAT LAY BETWEEN US  
HOW HIGH THE MOUNTAIN I COULD NOT CLIMB  
IN DESPERATION I TURNED TO HEAVEN  
AND SPOKE YOUR NAME INTO THE NIGHT  
THEN THROUGH THE DARKNESS YOUR LOVING-KINDNESS  
TORE THROUGH THE SHADOWS OF MY SOUL  
THE WORK IS FINISHED THE END IS WRITTEN  
JESUS CHRIST MY LIVING HOPE

WHO COULD IMAGINE SO GREAT A MERCY  
WHAT HEART COULD FATHOM SUCH BOUNDLESS GRACE  
THE GOD OF AGES STEPPED DOWN FROM GLORY  
TO WEAR MY SIN AND BEAR MY SHAME  
THE CROSS HAS SPOKEN I AM FORGIVEN  
THE KING OF KINGS CALLS ME HIS OWN  
BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR I'M YOURS FOREVER  
JESUS CHRIST MY LIVING HOPE

HALLELUJAH PRAISE THE ONE WHO SET ME FREE  
HALLELUJAH DEATH HAS LOST ITS GRIP ON ME  
YOU HAVE BROKEN EVERY CHAIN  
THERE'S SALVATION IN YOUR NAME  
JESUS CHRIST MY LIVING HOPE

THEN CAME THE MORNING THAT SEALED THE PROMISE  
YOUR BURIED BODY BEGAN TO BREATHE  
OUT OF THE SILENCE THE ROARING LION  
DECLARED THE GRAVE HAS NO CLAIM ON ME  
JESUS YOURS IS THE VICTORY WHOA

JESUS CHRIST MY LIVING HOPE  
OH GOD YOU ARE MY LIVING HOPE

### THE LION AND THE LAMB

HE'S COMING ON THE CLOUDS  
KINGS AND KINGDOMS WILL BOW DOWN  
AND EVERY CHAIN WILL BREAK  
AS BROKEN HEARTS DECLARE HIS PRAISE  
FOR WHO CAN STOP THE LORD ALMIGHTY

OUR GOD IS THE LION  
THE LION OF JUDAH  
HE'S ROARING WITH POWER  
AND FIGHTING OUR BATTLES  
AND EVERY KNEE WILL BOW BEFORE HIM  
OUR GOD IS THE LAMB  
THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN  
FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD  
HIS BLOOD BREAKS THE CHAINS  
AND EVERY KNEE WILL BOW BEFORE THE LION AND THE LAMB  
EVERY KNEE WILL BOW BEFORE HIM

SO OPEN UP THE GATES  
MAKE WAY BEFORE THE KING OF KINGS  
THE GOD WHO COMES TO SAVE  
IS HERE TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE  
FOR WHO CAN STOP THE LORD ALMIGHTY

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## **Giving**

Pastoral Intern Rob Jones

## **Pastoral Prayer**

Ruling Elder Joe Spencer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## **Scripture Reading**

Pastor Josh Creason

*Acts 19:11-41*

And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all[d] of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out

of that house naked and wounded. And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

Now after these events Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome." And having sent into Macedonia two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way. For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen. These he gathered together, with the workmen in similar trades, and said, "Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth. And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods. And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be counted as nothing, and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom all Asia and the world worship."

When they heard this they were enraged and were crying out, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" So the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul's companions in travel. But when Paul wished to go in among the crowd, the disciples would not let him. And even some of the Asiarchs,<sup>[e]</sup> who were friends of his, sent to him and were urging him not to venture into the theater. Now some cried out one thing, some another, for the assembly was in confusion, and most of them did not know why they had come together. Some of the crowd prompted Alexander, whom the Jews had put forward. And Alexander, motioning with his hand, wanted to make a defense to the crowd. But when they recognized that he was a Jew, for about two hours they all cried out with one voice, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

And when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, "Men of Ephesus, who is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the great Artemis, and of the sacred stone that fell from the sky?

Seeing then that these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rash. For you have brought these men here who are neither sacrilegious nor blasphemers of our goddess. If therefore Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a complaint against anyone, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another. But if you seek anything further, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. For we really are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since there is no cause that we can give to justify this commotion." And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Pastor Josh Creason

Magic & Miracles

*Thriving Church: A Sermon Series in Acts*

*Acts 19:11-41*

1. God's Healing Power (vv. 11-12)
2. God's Fearful Power (vv. 13-17)
3. God's Convicting Power (vv. 18-20)
4. God's Sovereign Power (vv. 21-41)

## Song of Response

GREAT ARE YOU LORD

YOU GIVE LIFE, YOU ARE LOVE

YOU BRING LIGHT TO THE DARKNESS

YOU GIVE HOPE, YOU RESTORE

EVERY HEART THAT IS BROKEN

GREAT ARE YOU, LORD

IT'S YOUR BREATH IN OUR LUNGS  
SO WE POUR OUT OUR PRAISE, WE POUR OUT OUR PRAISE  
IT'S YOUR BREATH IN OUR LUNGS  
SO WE POUR OUT OUR PRAISE TO YOU ONLY

YOU GIVE LIFE, YOU ARE LOVE  
YOU BRING LIGHT TO THE DARKNESS  
YOU GIVE HOPE, YOU RESTORE  
EVERY HEART THAT IS BROKEN

ALL THE EARTH WILL SHOUT YOUR PRAISE  
OUR HEARTS WILL CRY, THESE BONES WILL SING  
GREAT ARE YOU, LORD

**Benediction**

Pastor Josh Creason