



# SOUTH CLT PRES CHURCH

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Worship Service

Welcome

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Call to Worship

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*Psalm 86:8-13*

LEADER: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

**PEOPLE: The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.**

LEADER: Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

**ALL: The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

Worship in Song

OH FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING MY GREAT REDEEMER'S PRAISE  
THE GLORIES OF MY GOD AND KING, THE TRIUMPHS OF HIS GRACE!  
MY GRACIOUS MASTER AND MY GOD, ASSIST ME TO PROCLAIM  
TO SPREAD THROUGH ALL THE EARTH ABROAD THE HONORS OF THY NAME

SO COME ON AND SING OUT, LET OUR ANTHEM GROW LOUD  
THERE IS ONE GREAT LOVE, THERE IS ONE GREAT LOVE, JESUS

JESUS! THE NAME THAT CHARMS OUR FEARS, THAT BIDS OUR SORROWS  
CEASE

'TIS MUSIC IN THE SINNER'S EARS, 'TIS LIFE, AND HEALTH, AND PEACE  
HE BREAKS THE POWER OF REIGNING SIN, HE SETS THE PRISONER FREE  
HIS BLOOD CAN MAKE THE FOULEST CLEAN, HIS BLOOD AVALILED FOR ME

HE SPEAKS, AND, LISTENING TO HIS VOICE, NEW LIFE THE DEAD RECEIVE  
THE MOURNFUL, BROKEN HEARTS REJOICE, THE HUMBLE POOR BELIEVE  
GLORY TO GOD AND PRAISE AND LOVE BE EVER EVER GIV'N  
BY SAINTS BELOW AND SAINTS ABOVE, THE CHURCH IN EARTH AND HEAV'N

#### TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD

YOUR WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET  
YOUR WAY IS THE ONLY WAY FOR ME  
IT'S A NARROW ROAD THAT LEADS TO LIFE  
BUT I WANNA BE ON IT  
IT'S A NARROW ROAD, BUT THE MERCY'S WIDE  
'CAUSE YOU'RE GOOD ON YOUR PROMISE

I'LL TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD  
IF YOU SAID IT, I'LL BELIEVE IT  
I'VE SEEN HOW GOOD IT WORKS  
IF YOU START IT, YOU'LL COMPLETE IT  
I'LL TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD

OH, YOU SPOKE AND THE CHAOS FELL IN LINE  
OH, I KNOW 'CAUSE I'VE SEEN IT IN MY LIFE  
IT'S A NARROW ROAD THAT LEADS TO LIFE  
BUT I WANT TO BE ON IT, YEAH  
IT'S A NARROW ROAD AND THE TIDE IS HIGH  
BUT YOU'RE PARTIN' THE WATER

YOU SAID YOUR LOVE WILL NEVER GIVE UP  
YOU SAID YOUR GRACE IS ALWAYS ENOUGH  
YOU SAID YOUR HEART WOULD NEVER FORGET OR FORSAKE ME  
OH, YOU SAID I'M SAVED, YOU CALL ME YOURS  
YOU SAID MY FUTURE'S FULL OF YOUR HOPE  
YOU'VE NEVER FAILED, SO I KNOW THAT YOU'LL NEVER FAIL ME

#### GOODNESS OF GOD

I LOVE YOU LORD  
OH YOUR MERCY NEVER FAILS ME  
ALL MY DAYS  
I'VE BEEN HELD IN YOUR HANDS  
FROM THE MOMENT THAT I WAKE UP

UNTIL I LAY MY HEAD  
I WILL SING OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD

ALL MY LIFE YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL  
ALL MY LIFE YOU HAVE BEEN SO SO GOOD  
WITH EVERY BREATH THAT I AM ABLE  
I WILL SING OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD

I LOVE YOUR VOICE  
YOU HAVE LED ME THROUGH THE FIRE  
IN DARKEST NIGHT  
YOU ARE CLOSE LIKE NO OTHER  
I'VE KNOWN YOU AS A FATHER  
I'VE KNOWN YOU AS A FRIEND  
I HAVE LIVED IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD

YOUR GOODNESS IS RUNNING AFTER  
IT'S RUNNING AFTER ME  
YOUR GOODNESS IS RUNNING AFTER  
IT'S RUNNING AFTER ME  
WITH MY LIFE LAID DOWN  
I'M SURRENDERED NOW  
I GIVE YOU EVERYTHING  
YOUR GOODNESS IS RUNNING AFTER  
IT'S RUNNING AFTER ME

## **Giving**

Pastoral Intern Jeff Sisemoore

## **Community Update**

Pastors Dean Faulkner & Michael Lee

## **Pastoral Prayer**

Ruling Elder George Kurz

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 26:12-32*

"In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light

from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language,[a] 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

"Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles."

And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind." But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe." And Agrippa said to Paul, "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?" And Paul said, "Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains."

Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them. And when they had withdrawn, they said to one another, "This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment." And Agrippa said to Festus, "This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Pastor Josh Creason

### Servant Witness

*Thriving Church: A Sermon Series in Acts*

*Acts 26:12-32*

1. The Call of a Servant Witness (vv.12-16)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The Mission of Servant Witness (vv.17-27)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. The Longing of a Servant Witness (vv.27-32)

## Song of Response

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND, THAT SAVED A WRETCH LIKE ME  
I ONCE WAS LOST, BUT NOW AM FOUND, WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE

'T WAS GRACE THAT TAUGHT MY HEART TO FEAR, AND GRACE MY FEARS  
RELIEVED

HOW PRECIOUS DID THAT GRACE APPEAR, THE HOUR I FIRST BE LIEVED

MY CHAINS ARE GONE, I'VE BEEN SET FREE, MY GOD, MY SAVIOR HAS  
RANSOMED ME

AND LIKE A FLOOD HIS MERCY REIGNS, UNENDING LOVE, AMAZING GRACE

THE LORD HAS PROMISED GOOD TO ME, HIS WORD MY HOPE SECURES  
HE WILL MY SHIELD AND PORTION BE, AS LONG AS LIFE ENDURES

WHEN WE'VE BEEN THERE TEN THOUSAND YEARS, BRIGHT SHINING AS THE  
SUN

WE'VE NO LESS DAYS TO SING GOD'S PRAISE THAN WHEN WE FIRST BEGUN  
THAN WHEN WE FIRST BEGUN

## Benediction

Pastor Josh Creason