

ONLINE WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR LIVESTREAM SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BAKERSFIELD, November 1, 2020, 9:30 AM
All Saints Sunday

Invocation: Pastor Richard

Praise Song: “God So Loved”

Verse 1

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you’re looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I’m walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world.

Misc. 1

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save

Verse 4

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Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

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The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father
Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Announcements

All Saints' Remembrance

Hymn: "The Gift of Love"

Verse 1

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are in vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Verse 2

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin

Verse 3

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

Words: Hal Hopson, 1972 (1 Cor. 13:1-3)

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Prayer of Confession

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19:7-10; Philippians 3:12-16

Psalm 19:7-10

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

Philippians 3:12-16

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have
already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take
hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of
me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself
yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do:
Forgetting what is behind and straining toward
what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win

the prize for which God has called me heavenward
in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such
a view of things. And if on some point you think
differently, that too God will make clear to
you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already
attained.

Message: “Saints and Perfection”

Real servants of the Lord are those who make themselves available to God’s _____ and _____.

It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption, 1 Corinthians 1:30.

You are a Christian because you received salvation through _____.

The Threshold

Reshaping our sinful dispositions into holy dispositions is what God does _____.

Few envisioned _____ as a realistic possibility in this life.

Saying “nobody’s perfect” is _____ to remain content in one’s imperfections and recurring sins.

Christian Perfection

Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect . . . Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, be thus minded. . .

Christians are not perfect in _____ nor free from ignorance in this life.

And these are but the outer fringe of his works; how faint the whisper we hear of him! Who then can understand the thunder of his power? Job 26:14.

The Christian is not perfect so as to be free of _____.

The Christian is not perfect so as to be wholly free of _____.

Christian perfection is the fact that the Christian is freed from the _____ to sin.

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me, Galatians, 2:20.

Stages and Degrees

. . . become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ, Ephesians 4:13.

“Perfect” – the never-ending aspiration for all of love’s perfecting _____.

. . . It is God’s will that you should be sanctified, 1 Thessalonians 4:3.

The world values popularity while God values _____.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us, Romans 5:8.

The world promotes the accumulation of money whereas God honors _____.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life, John 3:16.

There is _____ for more perfection in our lives.

Saintly Potential

Every Christian who steps through the threshold of salvation is on the way to _____.

Saints never thought of themselves as saints, but as simply _____.

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, let us press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Communion Liturgy

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The pastor continues and concludes with the following words:

Pastor: ... with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your holy Name and join their unending hymn.

People: **(singing) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: ...as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: **(singing) Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Pastor: All honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: **(singing) Amen, Amen, Amen!**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn: “Come, Sinners, To The Gospel Feast”

Verse 1

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast;
Let every soul be Jesus’ guest.
Ye need not one be left behind,
for God hath bid all humankind.

Verse 4

My message as from God receive;
Ye all may come to Christ and live.
O let His love your hearts constrain,
Nor suffer Him to die in vain.

Verse 5

This is the time, no more delay!
This is the Lord’s accepted day.
Come thou, this moment, at His call,
And live for Him who died for all.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1747 (Lk 14:16-24)

Music: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, ca. 1774

Adapt. From *Metrical Psalter*, 1855

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Praise Song: “Heart of God”

Verse 1

Here I stand before You now
As honestly as I know how
Broken by the days gone by
Spirit help my soul to rise

Verse 2

I try my best but still I fail
And even then You’re with me there
You remind me I’m a child of God
Regardless of the things I’ve done
My hope is found in perfect love

Chorus 1

Your mercy triumphs over judgment
Love wider than horizons
Stronger than all sin
Lord Your kindness
Leads us to repentance
To the heart of God
Your heart oh God
Is all I want

Verse 3

Oh they say that it’s impossible
To ever save a sinner’s soul
But my God says to the prodigal
My beloved one You’re welcome home

Bridge

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live oh

Verse 4

Here I stand before You now
As honestly as I know how
Regardless of the things I’ve done
My hope is found in perfect love
Oh my hope is found in Your open arms

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Unison Prayer

Merciful God, Send Your Holy Spirit to guide us and our nation. Help us follow the Example of Jesus who during the Last Supper took basin and towel and served His followers. Help us discuss issues before us with courtesy, truth, and mutual respect. Grant that all who win election will seek to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before You, O God. We pray in the Name of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve. Amen.

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen, Amen, Amen! God, we praise You!
God, we praise You!

Participating in today's live stream service:

Dr. Richard Thompson, *Pastor*
Andrew Irvin, *Director of Worship and Music*
Worship Leader: Andrew Irvin

Scripture: Linda Funderburk
Announcements: Adlai Wilson

Instrumentalists:
Organ: Rebecca Spickler
Keyboard: Aaron Thompson

Piano: Andrew Irvin
Drums: Dumisani Irvin
Vocals: Andrew Irvin, Michael Canlas, Abegail Canlas

Tech:
Sound: James Dethlefsen

Live Stream Camera: Ed French
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Greeters: Sheryl Gallion, William Mendez,
Bryan Cowden, Scott Wallace

Safety Team: Dusty Ramey, Rick McDonald,
Ray Bowles, Darryl Holderman

Ushers: Bonnie Bowles, Bonnie Casola,
Gary Oldham, Greg Perrone, Joyce Perrone,
Tony Castro

Communion Servers: Jane Ramey, Kurt
Koehler, Leslie Koehler, Greg Perrone, Jo

Anne Coston, Joyce Perrone, Bonnie
Bowles, Bonnie Casola, Tony Castro

Announcements & Information: October 25, 2020

Thank you to all who helped with Trunk or Treat yesterday!

Today is All Saints Sunday, where we remember all those who have passed in the last year. Those saints being recognized are: Kendall Barnes, Doris Barnes, Norma Bianchi, Bruce Farmer, Elton "Bill" Fookes, Jr., Opal E. Hargis, Charles Clay Horace, Bryna Jean Kullgren, Melvin Pacciorini, Lodene Roush, Marian Schaffer, and Robert W. Sheldon. If we are missing anyone from our church family on this list, please call and let us know, 325-1267.

Stewardship Sunday (Consecration Sunday) is November 15. How has God provided for you in 2020? Considering what He did for us in 2020, we can move Forward in Faith in 2021 knowing that God will provide for all those who put Him first in their giving through their generosity to the church. Many of you have miraculous stories to share and we would love to hear them! Please send us videos or emails telling us about them!

The Great Christmas Bazaar will be taking place from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Saturday, December 5! As in the past, it is a wonderful mix of beautiful crafts, yummy treats, a raffle, and a scrumptious lunch! New this year are the Covid 19 protocols! Please see the article in the November *Spirit* for more information or contact Marti Ingalls, 661-431-4321, if you are interested in helping or providing items for sale.

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