

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY JULY 26TH – 10:15AM

Theme: Devoted Love

Welcome & Call to Worship: *[Pastor Bernie]*

- Our service will follow the following 3 sections:
 - God's love gives us reason to rejoice
 - God's love rescues us from sin
 - God's love compels us to undivided devotion

GOD'S LOVE GIVES US REASON TO REJOICE

Scripture: Romans 8:31-39 – *[Pastor Bernie]*

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Congregational Song: # 157 – The Love of God

The Love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell
The guilty pair bowed down with care
God gave His son to win
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin

*O Love of God How rich and pure
How measureless and strong
It shall forever more endure*

The saints and angels song

When years of time shall pass away
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall
When men who here refuse to pray
On rocks and hills and mountains call
God's love so pure shall still endure
All measureless and strong
Redeeming grace to Adam's race
The saints and angels song

*O Love of God How rich and pure
How measureless and strong
It shall forever more endure
The saints and angels song*

Congregational Song: # 99 HMA – O The Deep, Deep Love

O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of Your love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To Your glorious rest above

*O the deep, deep love
All I need and trust
Is the deep, deep love of Jesus*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He came to pay our ransom
Through the saving cross He bore
How He watches o'er His loved ones
Those He died to make His own
How for them He's interceding
Pleading now before the throne

*O the deep, deep love
All I need and trust
Is the deep, deep love of Jesus*

GOD'S LOVE RESCUES US FROM OUR SIN

Scripture: I John Excerpts [*Pastor Joel*]

1:4

⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

2:1-5

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

2:12-14

*I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.*

*¹³ I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.*

*I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome the evil one.*

*I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.*

*¹⁴ I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.*

*I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.*

2:26-27

²⁶ I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. ²⁷ But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

5:13, 18-20

¹³ *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life....*

¹⁸ *We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.*

¹⁹ *We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.*

²⁰ *And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. ²¹ Little children, keep yourselves from idols.*

Congregational Song: # 11 - Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the name! I'm fixed upon it
Name of Thy redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me
Thou hast brought me to this place
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

O that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen

How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last

GOD'S LOVE COMPELS US TO UNDISTRACTED DEVOTION

Message: "Danger of Divided Devotion" – I John 2:15-17 [*Pastor Joel*]

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Closing Congregational Song: # 549 – Higher Ground

I'm pressing on the upward way
New heights I'm gaining every day
Still praying as I'm onward bound
"Lord plant my feet on higher ground"

*Lord lift me up and let me stand
By faith on heaven's table land
A higher plain than I have found
Lord plant my feet on higher ground*

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay
Tho' some may dwell where these abound
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

*Lord lift me up and let me stand
By faith on heaven's table land
A higher plain than I have found
Lord plant my feet on higher ground*

I want to live above the world,
Tho' Satan's darts at me are hurled
For faith has caught the joyful sound
The song of saints on higher ground

*Lord lift me up and let me stand
By faith on heaven's table land;
A higher plain than I have found
Lord plant my feet on higher ground*

Closing Announcements: *[Pastor Bernie]*