

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH – 10:15AM

Friendship with God

Call to Worship: To You Alone [Pastor Joel]

Let us join our hearts together
and give thanks in one accord.
We would glorify the Father
and give praise to Christ, our Lord.
O, indwelling Holy Spirit,
guide our thoughts and tongues we pray,
For our pride and selfish vanity
too often cloud our praise.

*To You along we sing today;
To You along our prayers we raise.
To You alone we give the glory,
For You alone, Lord, are worthy of our praise.*

O, what joy there is in knowing
Jesus Christ is lord of all,
That each step in my life's journey
is in answer to His call
In the cheerful meditation
that His blood has ransomed me,
I find hope and reassurance
His plan is best for me.

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Welcome & Overview [Pastor Steve]

- Today we return to James 4:1-5

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions^[a] are at war within you?^[b] ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people!^[c] Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”?

- Today in our service we will consider the significance and power that the Gospel has in bringing enemies of God into friendship with God.
 - *The Gospel delivers us from being enemies of God*
 - *The Gospel delivers us to being friends with God*

THE GOSPEL DELIVERES US FROM BEING ENEMIES OF GOD

What puts mankind at enmity with God?

Original sin puts mankind at enmity with God, leaving us in need of the promise of a Redeemer –
Genesis 3:14-15

*¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring^[e] and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”*

The mind of the flesh is at enmity with God, leaving us in need of and in need of the gospel - Romans
8:1-8

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.^[a] ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you^[b] free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin,^[c] he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Congregational Song: There is Power in the Blood

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

*There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide—
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

*There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

Congregational Song: How Deep the Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Congregational Song: Jesus Thank You The phrase

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table
Jesus, thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

*Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You*

*Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table
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THE GOSPEL DELIVERS US TO BEING FRIENDS WITH GOD

What has God done to make us His friends? In Love, he came to us and died for us.

Paul explains this in Ephesians 2:11-16 [Pastor Bernie]

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

Jesus testifies to this in John 15:12-17 [Pastor Bernie]

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants,^[a] for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Congregational Song: Jesus Strong and Kind

*Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him*

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind*

*Jesus said if I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him*

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind*

Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can give me peace
I should come to him

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind*

Jesus said if I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind*

Congregational Song: O the Deep Deep Love

Oh 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

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

Oh 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

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

Children 3 Yr. through 6th Graded dismissed to Junior Church

Message: Friendship with God - James 4:1-5 [*Pastor Steve*]

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Closing Song of Response: O Great God

O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me

Closing Announcements: [*Pastor Steve*]

Today

- 4:30pm – Men meet for Christmas Program rehearsal in auditorium
- 4:50pm – All choir meets for Christmas program rehearsal in auditorium
- 6:00pm – Lord's Supper, time of mutual care and prayer

Next Sunday, December 5th

- 9:00am – Sunday School
- 10:15am – James Part 2, Begin singing Christmas songs
- 11:45am – Choir Rehearsal following
- 2:00-5:00pm – Lester Fluth's birthday party at church
- 6:00-8:00m – Teen Christmas Fellowship at church