

WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM August 13th, 2023 – 10:15am

Walk by Faith

Welcome: [Pastor Bernie]

- As we continue in our Encounters with Emmanuel Series, today we look at John 20:24-29 and will examine Jesus' interaction with Thomas and his need to demonstrate faith without dependence on sight.
- Today we want to remember the object of our faith and the call to walk by faith and not by sight.

Scripture Call to Worship: Prov 3:5-6 [Pastor Bernie]

*⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.*

*⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.*

*⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.*

*⁸ It will be healing to your flesh^[b]
and refreshment^[c] to your bones.*

Congregational Song: The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness hides His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

Congregational Song: Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious, in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day,
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Every joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
We may trust Him fully, all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.*

WALK BY FAITH – NOT BY SIGHT

Scripture: II Corinthians 5:1-10 [Pastor Steve]

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on^[a] we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are

of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Instrumental Song of Meditation: My Faith Looks Up to Thee [Grant Olson]

Congregational Song: By Faith

By faith, we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

*We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith, the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In every corner of the earth.

By faith, this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

*We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

Isaiah 41:10 - *fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Solo: "Still in Control" [Micah Swedeen]

***Children 3-K5 dismissed to back**

Message: John 20:24-29 [Pastor Steve]

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin,^[d] was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Congregational Song of Response: I Know Whom I Have Believed

I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.

*But "I know Whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day."*

I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart.

*But "I know Whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day."*

Announcements: [Pastor Bernie]

- Sunday nights
 - Tonight - corn feed – at 6:00pm.
 - Next Sunday night, August 20th – The Lords Supper

- Sunday night, August 27th – Missions emphasis (Cline's, Missionaries to the Netherlands, will be with us)
- Remember the students headed back to college

Closing Prayer [Pastor Bernie]