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**JESUS IS THE FOCUS HEBREWS 12:2**



**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 29, 2020 - 10:45 AM**  
**SPECIAL LIVE STREAM WORSHIP FOLDER**

*(The \* indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

## **PRE-WORSHIP SONG**

### **“Center”**

#### **Chorus**

**Oh Christ be the center of our lives  
Be the place we fix our eyes Be the center of our lives**

**And You’re the center of the universe Ev’rything was made in You Jesus  
Breath of ev’ry living thing Ev’ryone was made for You**

#### **Pre-Chorus 1**

**You hold ev’rything together  
You hold ev’rything together (*Chorus, Verse & Pre-Chorus 1, 2*)**

#### **Pre-Chorus 2**

**You hold ev’rything together You hold ev’rything together**

#### **Chorus**

**Oh Christ be the center of our lives  
Be the place we fix our eyes Be the center of our lives**

**We lift our eyes to heaven And we wrap our lives around Your life  
We lift our eyes to heaven to You (Repeat)**

**And turn your eyes upon Jesus And look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace**

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## **WELCOME**

### **\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**“Come, Thou Almighty King”**

*Hymn 905*

**Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise; Father all-glorious,  
O’er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy Word success, And let Thy righteousness On us descend.**

**Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev’ry heart, And ne’er from us depart, Spirit of pow’r.**

**To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.**

**\*THE OPENING SENTENCES, CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (*Psalm 121:1-2, 124:8, 32:5*)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills. Where does my help come from?

**People: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

**People: and He forgave the guilt of my sin.**

*(Please kneel or be seated.)*

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, hear my confession.

**People: Just as the disciples misjudged the good deed of the woman who anointed Your Son, I have misjudged my neighbors' actions, questioned their motives and shot arrows at their kindness. With sleepy eyes of betrayal and denial, I have preferred physical comfort over spiritual struggles, been afraid to speak the truth, and been deceived by worldly views. I am heartily sorry for my sins, and I sincerely repent of them. For Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, I ask for forgiveness.**

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I have Good News for you. In the grace of Jesus Christ, your Heavenly Father never takes His eyes of love off of you. He has given His Son to die for you and for His sake, He forgives you all of your sins. As a servant of His Word I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

**\*THE PSALM OF RESPONSE** "Psalm 100"

**Verse 1**

**Enter in through the gates Enter in here with praise  
Come before Him come bring your song We are His people He is our God**

### Chorus 1

For the Lord is good and His love endures His love endures  
For the Lord is good and His love endures His love endures  
Forevermore His faithfulness it has no end  
For the Lord is good and His love endures His love endures

### Verse 2

Enter in to His courts Enter in with grateful hearts  
Come before Him come bring your song  
We are His people He is our God (*Chorus 1*)

### Bridge

Raise Your voice Shout for joy all the earth  
We sing a new song now We sing a new song now (*Repeat*)

### Chorus 2

Forevermore His faithfulness it has no end  
For the Lord is good and His love endures His love endures

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### **\*THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, the devil, the world, and our sinful nature constantly lead us to worldliness. With forgiveness grant us the gift of heaven-mindedness so that we might yet live in the world while not being of the world;

**People: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **THE FIRST READING**

*1 John 2:15-17*

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For everything in the world - the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does - comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup>The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE PASSION READING

Mark 15:1-20

L: <sup>1</sup>Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

P: <sup>2</sup>“Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate.

L: “Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied. <sup>3</sup>The chief priests accused him of many things.

P: <sup>4</sup>So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

L: <sup>5</sup>But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

P: <sup>6</sup>Now it was the custom at the Feast to release a prisoner whom the people requested. <sup>7</sup>A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. <sup>8</sup>The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

L: <sup>9</sup>“Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, <sup>10</sup>knowing it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.

P: <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

L: <sup>12</sup>“What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

P: <sup>13</sup>“Crucify him!” they shouted.

L: <sup>14</sup>“Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

P: But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

L: <sup>15</sup>Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

P: <sup>16</sup>The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. <sup>17</sup>They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!”

L: <sup>19</sup>Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. <sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him.

P: Then they led him out to crucify him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## \*THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 18:33-38*

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter, verses 33-36.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" <sup>35</sup>"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

<sup>36</sup>Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

<sup>37</sup>"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." <sup>38</sup>"What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*SERMON HYMN

"What Is the World to Me"

*Hymn 730*

**What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!**

**The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty  
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize Above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!**

**The world seeks after wealth And all that mammon offers  
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good, Content with it I'll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!**

### THE SERMON

"Worldly Eyes"

*Mark 15:1-20*

## OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

## **\*CONFESSION OF FAITH - NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

## **\*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 and ever. Amen.

### **\*THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you  
peace.

People: Amen.

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN** "Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go" *Hymn 920*  
(st. 1-3)

Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings; Kingship with Him His servants gain;  
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all, Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth This world of time to consecrate,  
This world of sin by grace to heal, Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

### **\*DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

### **POSTLUDE**

### **WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS**

#### **SUNDAY, 10:45 AM**

The Preacher

The Liturgist

The Lector

The Organist

Vicar Brendon Moore

The Rev. Charles T. Reich

Janice Graydon

Wynn Bonner

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