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2ND LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR NOVEMBER 13, 2011

WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

8:00am
WELCOME

HYMN: #618 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SINS: *(Spoken together)*

O Lord, with You there is forgiveness. So hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy. In Your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief. I spread out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit faints with longing. Do not hide Your face from me, or I will be like those who go down to the pit. Rescue me from my sinfulness, O Lord, for I hide myself in You, and trust in You. For Your names sake, Jesus Christ, preserve my life and forgive me of all of my sin. In Your righteousness, deliver me and bring me out of trouble. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE: *(From Romans 5:8-11)*

P. God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
C. WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.
P. Since we have now been justified by his blood,
C. HOW MUCH MORE SHALL WE BE SAVED FROM GOD'S WRATH THROUGH HIM!

P. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son,

C. HOW MUCH MORE, HAVING BEEN RECONCILED, SHALL WE BE SAVED THROUGH HIS LIFE!

P. Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
C. THROUGH WHOM WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED RECONCILIATION. AMEN.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(From Psalm 105)*

1 Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. 2 Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. 4 Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. 5 Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, 6 O descendants of Abraham his servant, O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones. 7 He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

SONG: "Be Unto Your Name"

1. We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.

*Chorus: Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Highest praises, honor and glory, Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.*

2. We are the broken, You are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song, we'll sing forever, Bowing before You, blessing Your name.
(chorus x 2)

Ending... Be unto Your name.
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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 25:30-32

30 "Now prophesy all these words against them and say to them: "The LORD will roar from on high; he will thunder from his holy dwelling and roar mightily against his land. He will shout like those who tread the grapes, shout against all who live on the earth. 31 The tumult will resound to the ends of the earth, for the LORD will bring charges against the nations; he will bring judgment on all mankind and put the wicked to the sword," declares the LORD. 32 This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Look! Disaster is spreading from nation to nation; a mighty storm is rising from the ends of the earth."

EPISTLE READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:3-10

3 We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. 6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7 And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, 9 for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

RESPONSE: *(From Luke 21:36)*

P. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen,
C. AND THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31-46

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ 37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ 40 “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’ 41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ 44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ 45 “He will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ 46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

HYMN: #446 “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray” vs.1,2,5,6

SERMON: Matthew 25:31-46 "God Prepares Heaven Before the Creation of the World"

SONG: “We Will Glorify”

(“I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.” Psalm 86:12)

1. We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb; We will glorify the Lord of lords, for He is the great I Am.
2. Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty; We will bow before his throne. We will worship him in righteousness; We will worship him alone.
3. He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth; He is Lord of all who live. He is Lord above the universe; All praise to him we give.
4. Hallelujah to the King of kings; Hallelujah to the Lamb. Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am. (C. 1982 Singspiration Music. Used by permission. CCLI #1561573)

OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew.)

ANTHEM: “Worthy of the Lord” Adult Choir 8am

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN: #339 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” vs.1,3,6,7

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

November 13th and 27th - 10:30 Service