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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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.

**10:30am**  
WELCOME

**SONG: "Mighty to Save"**

1. Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me;  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

*Chorus:* Savior, He can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

2. So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow; Everything I believe in, Now I surrender. (*chorus*)

*Bridge:* Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing, for the glory of the risen King. Jesus, Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing, for the glory of the risen King.

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INVOCATION

**REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD:** (*Adapted from Acts 17:24-31*)

- P. The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands.
- C. AND HE IS NOT SERVED BY HUMAN HANDS AS IF HE NEEDED ANYTHING, BECAUSE HE HIMSELF GIVES ALL MEN LIFE AND BREATH AND EVERYTHING ELSE.
- P. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.
- C. GOD DID THIS SO THAT MEN WOULD SEEK HIM AND PERHAPS REACH OUT FOR HIM AND FIND HIM, THOUGH HE IS NOT FAR FROM EACH ONE OF US.
- P. For in him we live and move and have our being. We are his offspring.
- C. THEREFORE SINCE WE ARE GOD'S OFFSPRING, WE SHOULD NOT THINK THAT THE DIVINE BEING IS LIKE GOLD OR SILVER OR STONE - AN IMAGE MADE BY MAN'S DESIGN AND SKILL.
- P. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.
- C. FOR HE HAS SET A DAY WHEN HE WILL JUDGE THE WORLD WITH JUSTICE BY THE MAN HE HAS PPOINTED. HE HAS GIVEN PROOF OF THIS TO ALL MEN BY RAISING JESUS FROM THE DEAD.

**CONFESSION OF SIN:** (*Spoken together*)

Lord Jesus, God of heaven and earth, we confess all our sins before you that we have committed in our heart, with our words, and in our actions. We are truly worthy of nothing but your just punishment. Yet believing you to be the Savior who came to deliver the whole world from judgment, we call upon you for mercy. Forgive our sin, and restore us to be your people. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE:**

- P. In worship, Bible class, or Sunday School, we hear that simple but sweet message proclaimed for our assurance again, and again.
- C. "GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE." (*John 3:16*)
- P. Assured of our forgiveness in Christ, we are called to rejoice in our salvation, and share that message of life with all people's of the world, as Jesus said,
- C. "GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE." SO BE IT! AMEN.

**SONG: “Shine Jesus Shine”**

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us; Shine on me, shine on me.

*Chorus:* Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory. Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire, Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light. *(repeat chorus)*

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**EPISTLE READING: Romans 11:13-15, 28-32**

13 I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry 14 in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. 15 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? 28 As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, 29 for God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable. 30 Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to you. 32 For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15:21-28**

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession.” 23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” 24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” 25 The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. 26 He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to their dogs.” 27 “Yes, Lord,” she said, “but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” 28 Then Jesus answered, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

**CHILDREN'S LESSON**

**DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES:** *(3 year olds)*

**INSTALLATION:** Sunday School Teachers and S.P.I.R.I.T. Group Leaders

**INSTALLATION:** Youth Ministry Team

**SONG: “Hope Of The Nations”**

*Verse:* Jesus hope of the nations Jesus comfort for all who mourn; You are the source of heaven's hope on earth. Jesus light in the darkness; Jesus truth in each circumstance You are the source of heaven's light on earth.

*(Bridge)* In history You lived and died; You broke the chains You rose to life.

*Chorus 1:* You are the hope living in us. You are the Rock, in whom we trust. You are the light shining for all the world to see. You rose from the dead, conquering fear. Our Prince of Peace, drawing us near. Jesus our hope, living for all who will receive. Lord we believe.

*Verse – Bridge – Chorus 2*

*Chorus 2:* You are the hope living in us. You are the Rock, in whom we trust. You are the light shining for all the world to see. You rose from the dead, conquering fear. Our Prince of Peace, drawing us near. Jesus our hope, living for all who will receive. Lord we believe. Lord we believe. Lord we believe.

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**SERMON: Isaiah 56:1,6-8 "Sunday School and Terrorists?"**

*(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)*

**SONG: “Heal Our Land” (2 Chronicles 7:14)**

1. If my people will humble themselves, humble themselves and pray, If they seek My face and humble themselves and turn from their wicked ways; I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin, I will hear from heaven and heal their land.

*Chorus:* Lord, heal our land, Father, heal our land, hear our cry and turn our nation back to You; Lord, heal our land, hear us, O Lord, and heal our land, forgive our sin and heal our broken land.

2. Lord, we bow our knee, we humble ourselves, humble ourselves and pray, Lord, we seek Your face, we humble ourselves and turn from our wicked ways; Father, in Your mercy, forgive our sin, Father, in Your mercy, come, heal our land. *(chorus)*

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**OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP**

*(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew.)*

**SONG: “How Great Is Our God”** (the following prayers will be sung and spoken)

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

*How great is our God; Sing with me, How great is our God  
And all will see how great, How great is our God.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

P. Lord Jesus, as the Savior of the world,  
C. WE PRAY THAT YOUR CHURCH IN THE WORLD WOULD BE MOVED TO  
GREATER FAITHFULNESS, IN USING YOUR WORD, AND SHARING THAT LIFE  
SAVING WORD WITH OTHERS.  
P. As the Prince of Peace,  
C. WE PRAY THAT CONFLICTS IN THE WORLD WOULD CEASE, AND PEACE  
PREVAIL.  
P. As the God who took our imperfect life upon yourself on the cross, that we might have your  
perfect life,  
C. LORD, RESTORE US, AND HELP ALL WHO ARE IN PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL  
NEED, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE BROKEN, HUNGRY, HOMELESS,  
UNEMPLOYED, PERSECUTED, OR ABUSED.  
P. Especially we lift before you...(special requests)...Hear our prayers on their behalf,  
C. AND COME TO THEM IN MERCY AND MIGHT.  
P. Bless us as a congregation with your wisdom to guide us in the mission of seeking the lost.  
C. HELP US. SAVE US. DEFEND US. COMFORT US, AND EMPOWER US AS YOUR  
REDEEMED PEOPLE, GRACIOUS LORD. AMEN.

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

*How great is our God; Sing with me, How great is our God  
And all will see how great, How great is our God.*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing: How great is our God!  
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*How great is our God; Sing with me, How great is our God  
And all will see how great, How great is our God.*

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**THE LORD’S PRAYER:** (Spoken together)

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.

**BLESSING:** (From Psalm 67)

P. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us!  
C. THAT YOUR WAYS MAY BE KNOWN ON EARTH, YOUR SALVATION AMONG  
ALL NATIONS!  
P. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the people praise you.  
C. MAY THE NATIONS BE GLAD AND SING FOR JOY, FOR YOU RULE THE  
PEOPLES JUSTLY AND GUIDE THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH!

**SONG: “ Everlasting God”**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord; We will wait upon the Lord; We will wait upon  
the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord; We will wait upon the Lord; We will  
wait upon the Lord. Our God You reign forever, Our hope our strong Deliv'rer.

*Chorus 1:* You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God. You do not faint You won't grow  
weary.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord; We will wait upon the Lord; We will wait upon  
the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord; We will wait upon the Lord; We will  
wait upon the Lord. Our God You reign forever, Our hope our strong Deliv'rer

*Chorus 2:* You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God. You do not faint You won't grow  
weary. You're the defender of the weak .You comfort those in need. You lift us up on wings  
like eagles.

*Bridge:* Our God, You reign forever; Our hope our strong Deliv'rer. (*Chorus 2 sing twice*)  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE  
PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:  
September 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 service

**“GOD BLESS AMERICA”**

God bless America, Land that I love; Stand beside her and guide her  
Thru the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam, God bless America, My home sweet home,  
God bless America, My home sweet home.

**Isaiah 56:1,6-8**

**"Sunday School and Terrorists?"**

*1 This is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. 6 And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to serve him, to love the name of the LORD, and to worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant— 7 these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." 8 The Sovereign LORD declares— he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."*

1. What one simple truth connects Sunday School to terrorist attacks?
2. How did God use the Israelite nation in a special way?
3. Why did the Lord warn the Israelites to maintain justice and do what is right?
4. What good is membership in a church if you don't have faith in Jesus?
5. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ Savior.
6. Who does God promise to receive and accept as his people?
7. God threatens judgment against \_\_\_\_\_.
8. God offers forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_.
9. How are terrorist attacks and Sunday School connected?
10. What do we sometimes do with God's offer of forgiveness?
11. What happens to our own assurance when God's offer of salvation in Christ is limited?
12. Jesus gave up his life \_\_\_\_\_.

