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# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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Sunday, January 14, 2018, at 10:30AM

Pastor: Rev. Dave Poolman

Ministers: Every Member

\*Gathering Song: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Gray 469: 1,2,4  
(\*Please stand if you are able.)

\*Call to Worship:

Welcome to the community of faith, the family of God!

**We come as families, large and small in number, seeking God's love.**

God's love is here for you.

**Help us to understand how we are connected to God.**

We abide in Christ Jesus, in love and compassion.

**May our spirits be renewed and our connection to God be strengthened through our worship today. Amen.**

\*God Greet Us--We Greet Each Other

\*Songs: "Still"

Verse 1

Hide me now under Your wings.  
Cover me within Your mighty hand.

Verse 2

Find rest, my soul in Christ alone.  
Know His power in quietness and trust.

Chorus

When the oceans rise and thunders roar,  
I will soar with You above the storm.  
Father, You are King over the flood.  
I will be still and know you are God.

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Jesus lover of my soul  
All consuming fire is in Your gaze  
Jesus I want You to know  
I will follow You all my days  
For no one else in history is like You  
And history itself belongs to You  
Alpha and Omega You have loved me  
And I will share eternity with You

It's all about You Jesus  
And all this is for You  
For Your glory and Your fame  
It's not about me  
As if You should do things my way  
You alone are God  
And I surrender to Your ways

"Amazing Grace"

Gray 462

Confession (based on Philippians 3:4-14):

**Forgive us, O God, when we believe that righteous behavior is all that is needed to secure Your love. We know that we can neither earn nor deserve all that You have done for us. Help us to surrender our worldly attitudes and values so that we can celebrate anew lives centered in Jesus Christ. Forgive us, O God, when we lose sight of the goal of our lives as Christians—that of following Jesus; even when that means, and perhaps, especially when that means taking up our cross, and sharing in the suffering and struggle that Jesus shares with us. Whatever gains we may have experienced in our lives, may we regard them as loss, compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus as our Lord. This we pray in His name. Amen**

Words of Assurance (Philippians 3:9):

The Lord has indeed done great things for us,  
*as 'our righteousness is one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.'* (Phil.3: 9)

The good news therefore is this:

In Jesus Christ we are accepted,  
we are loved, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

Song:

"Abide with Me"

Gray 442:1&3

Installation of Elder Tony Liebl

Offering - General Fund

Prayer for Understanding

Elder Cal Hulstein

Children's Message

(Children ages 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are dismissed out the side door to Children's Worship in Room A)

Judy Straayer

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4-14; John 15:5

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**MESSAGE: "The Four Essentials of Renewal (I): Abiding"**

\*Song of Response: "Build Your Kingdom Here"

Verse 1

Come, set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again.  
Increase in us, we pray.  
Unveil why we're made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,  
Like wildfire in our very souls.  
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.  
We are Your church.  
We need Your pow'r in us.

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first.  
We hunger and we thirst;  
Refuse to waste our lives,  
For You're our joy and prize.  
To see the captives' hearts released;  
The hurt, the sick, the poor, at peace.  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.  
We are Your church.  
We pray, revive this earth.

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here.  
Let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand.  
Heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire.  
Win creation back.  
Change the atmosphere.  
Build Your kingdom here, we pray.

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,  
Reaching the near and far.  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts.  
You made us for much more than this.  
Awake the kingdom seed in us.  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.  
We are Your church.  
We are the hope on earth.

Praying Together

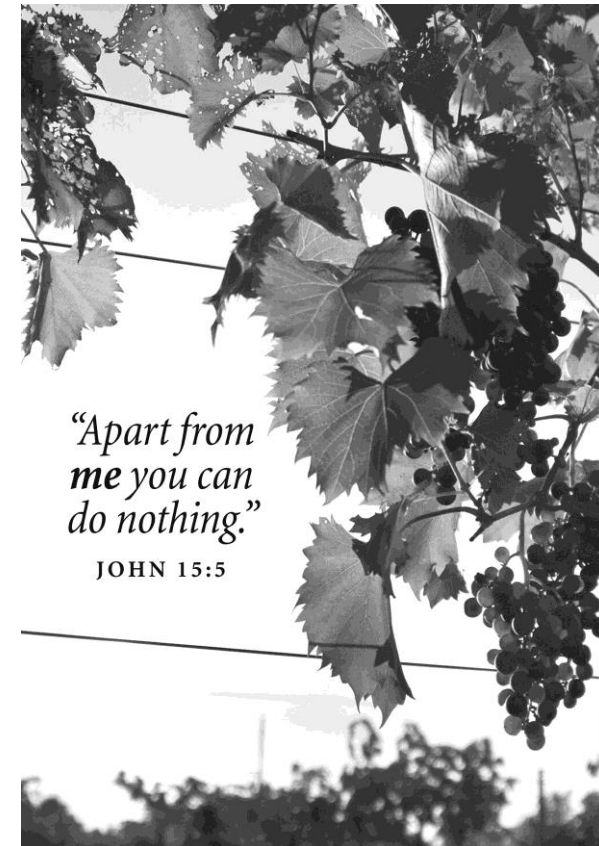
\*God's Blessing of Grace and Peace

\*Parting Song: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Gray 486

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**If you need prayer for yourself or someone you love, please come to the front of the church after the service. There will be Elders or others gifted in prayer to pray with you.**

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