



October 10, 2021
Worship Service - 10AM

Order of Worship

OPENING SONG

God So Loved

1. Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

2. Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

3. Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save

4. Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting God so loved the world

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

All: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Holy Holy Holy

1. Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

2. Holy holy holy, All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be

3. Holy holy holy, though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man, thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power in love and purity

4. Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Chorus

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!

1. He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.
2. He comes in comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.
3. To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.
4. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.
5. The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.
His Name shall stand forever, That Name to us is Love.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBER: *Aubrey Hawkins*

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON TEXT: ACTS 5:16-42

17 But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy 18 they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." 21 And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. 22 But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, 23 "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." 24 Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. 25 And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." 26 Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. 34 But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. 35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. 36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. 38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, 40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Miraculous Rescues - Acts 5:16-42

Theme: *When life squeezes us, God's Word becomes more clear.*

#1 - Rescued by an Angel

A. Teaching in the Temple (17-21a)

B. Teaching the Sanhedrin (21b-32)

#2 - Rescued by a Pharisee

A. Leave Them Alone! (33-39a)

B. But First, Beat Them Up (39b-42)

Other Passages and Quotes

Acts 4:16 - The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Apostle's Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to the dead; the third day He arose again. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

1 Corinthians 4:1 This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. **2** Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. **3** But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.... **9** For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. **10** We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute.

Matthew 26:56 - Then all the disciples left him and fled.

CONFESSION OF SIN - (FROM 1 JOHN 1:6, 8, 10)

All: If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth...If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us...If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - (FROM 1 JOHN 1:5, 7, 9)

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all...if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin...If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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CLOSING SONG

Amen

1. You have given us a new name
As sons and daughters of Your righteousness
And You have taken all of our shame
And given us the gift of holiness
Lord we're crying out for faith
To believe the words you say

Chorus

You say we are loved
You say we belong to You
Your grace is enough
Nothing more that we can do
You say we've been bought
By Your blood by Your blood
And all that we can say
Is amen

2. You have given us a new hope
An anchor for the soul that shall not fail
Jesus we believe Your truth shines
Yes in the darkest night You shall prevail
Lord we're crying out for faith
To believe the words you say

Bridge

Amen Your word is true
Amen we trust in You

BENEDICTION - PSALM 29:11-12

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Needed! - In order for our nursery volunteers to celebrate the Lord's Supper we will need 2 people to volunteer the first Sunday of the month on a rotating basis. If you would be willing to serve in the nursery the first Sunday of the month, please use the sign up sheet on the welcome table. See Leanne Seland or Barbara Gable with questions.

If you would like to share a prayer request with the church or would like someone to pray for you, please contact Senior Pastor Keith Doane (kdoane@livingbranch.net), Assistant Pastor Cody Brobst (cbrobst@livingbranch.net), Elder Ken Bubp (klbubp@gmail.com), or Elder Bruce Longbottom (blongbottom@sbcglobal.net)

Contributions

Checks can be made payable to 'Living Branch Church'. Online giving can be set up at livingbranch.net or through the Church Center App

Officer Nominations - The Session would like to announce that nominations are open for the office of Ruling Elder and Deacon. As members of Living Branch Church, please pray about whom might be called to these offices. Nominations for Ruling Elder and Deacon can be emailed to any Elder.

Men's Discipleship Class: *Wednesdays @ 4:30-5:30 at Noble Coffee*

This class is part of our officer training, but is open to any man in the church. The class will begin on September 8th and meet at Noble Coffee in downtown Noblesville. For more information, please contact Pastor Keith.

Dads and Grandads That Make a Difference Seminar: *October 15th and 16th @ Christ Community in Carmel (Main St. and Gray Rd) Cost is \$25. Register at <https://christcommunitycarmel.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/939677> Please contact Pastor Keith for more info.*

Financial Peace Seminar - Begins Today! A 9 week course will be offered on Sundays beginning October 10, from 1-3pm at LivRite Fitness (13454 Parkside Drive, Fishers, IN 46038). Let Aubrey Hawkins or Pastor Cody know if you or your friends are planning to attend, or to ask questions.

Christianity Explored evangelism training will be provided on Saturday, October 23rd at Christ Community Church (4770 E. Main Street, Carmel) from 8:30am to 12:30pm. The cost is \$10 (covers the cost of Christianity Explored materials for each attendee). You can visit www.christianityexplored.us for more information and to register online, or contact Bruce Longbottom if you are interested.

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