



May 1, 2022
Worship Service - 10AM

Order of Worship

OPENING SONG

House of the Lord

1. We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory yeah

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

2. We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Bridge

('Cause) We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

There is joy in this house oh yeah
There is joy there is joy
And we won't be quiet
We're gonna shout out Your praise

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP - 1 CORINTHIANS 1:20-25

All: Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Sovereign Over Us

1. There is strength within the sorrow
There is beauty in our tears
And You meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear

2. You are working in our waiting
Sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust

Chorus

Your plans are still to prosper
You've not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
Faithful forever perfect in love
You are sov'reign over us

3. You are wisdom unimagined
Who could understand Your ways
Reigning high above the heavens
Reaching down in endless grace

4. You're the lifter of the lowly
Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me
And Your promises are my delight

Bridge

Even what the enemy means for evil
You turn it for our good
You turn it for our good
And for Your glory
Even in the valley You are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good
And for Your glory (REPEAT)

Faithful forever perfect in love
You are sovereign over us

NEW CITY CATECHISM: QUESTION 18

Q: Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

A: No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

1. Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul,
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON TEXT - ACTS 15:30-16:10

30 So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. 31 And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement. 32 And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words. 33 And after they had spent some time, they were sent off in peace by the brothers to those who had sent them. 35 But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

36 And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." 37 Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. 38 But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. 39 And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, 40 but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. 41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

16:1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. 4 As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. 7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. 8 So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

SERMON

Flawed, but Forgiven. Weak, but strong. - Acts 15:30-16:10

Down a dangerous road, I have come to where I'm standing
With a heavy heart, and my hat clutched in my hand
Such a foolish man, God ain't known no greater sinner
I have come in search of Jesus, hoping he will understand
If I Give My Soul by Johnny Cash

Theme: *As followers of Christ, we confess that we are flawed, but forgiven; weak but made strong in Him.*

#1 - Paul and Barnabas: An Unusual Conflict

Key Truth - *God works through flawed and weak sinners; people just like you and me.*

#2 - Timothy: An Unusual Missionary

Key Truth - *What we perceive to be a weakness, God often uses for His glory.*

#3 - The Man from Macedonia: An Unusual Invitation

Key Truth - *God sometimes closes doors in order to accomplish His plans.*

Other Passages

Mark 14:51 And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, 52 but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

2 Timothy 4:11 Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

Col. 4:10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him)

2 Timothy 1:6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

1 Corinthians 16:10 When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am.

1 Corinthians 9:19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.... 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

2 Corinthians 13:4 For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God.

Proverbs 16:9 The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.

THE APOSTLES' 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.

O Come To The Altar

1. Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

(Bridge)

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

3. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

CONFESSION OF SIN

A time of silent confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - 2 CORINTHIANS 13:4

For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God.

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 - FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

Therefore be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Prayer for Scott Dean

Please continue to pray for Pastor Scott. The biopsy taken last week confirmed that his Merkel Cell Carcinoma is back, and due to the timing of the recurrence and the size of the tumor, they are calling it Stage 4. The doctor plans to begin treating the cancer with immunotherapy next week with the hope that it will slow down and shrink the tumor. The Deans thank you for your prayers and support during this time.

Farmer's Market - May 14th. Living Branch Church will have a booth at the Farmer's Market on May 14th from 9AM-noon. We are looking for families to help us pass out water and snacks. If interested, please see Pastor Keith or Pastor Cody.

Congregational Meeting - May 1st We will be having a congregational meeting today for the purpose of voting on David Lynn for the office of Ruling Elder. All members of Living Branch will be able to vote either 'Yes', 'No' or 'Abstain'. In addition, for members who are not able to attend worship on Sunday, we will have a Zoom option for participating in the meeting.

Congregational Meeting - May 15th: On May 15th we will be having our annual congregational meeting immediately following our service. The purpose of this meeting will be to present the 2022-23 General Fund Budget and to elect corporate officers, which is an annual requirement of the state of Indiana. An electronic copy of the 2022-23 Budget will go out prior to our meeting.

Hope Explored- Thursday May 5, 7:00p.m: Hope Explored is a new 3-week outreach course available to Living Branch members. Feel free to email Bruce Longbottom or Pastor Cody with questions.

Direct Link: <https://zoom.us/j/6940800068> Meeting ID: 694 080 0068

BBC- June13-16: 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Seminary Park, Noblesville

Women's Bible Study: May 3, 10:00-11:30a.m. at Barbara Gable's home. We will cover Hebrews 8:1-9:14 and chapter 7 in "Hebrews For You".

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