



May 8, 2022
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 us

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 - *PHILIPPIANS 3:8-9*

All: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

SONGS OF PRAISE

By Faith

1. By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

3. By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

4. By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

5. By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

NEW CITY CATECHISM: QUESTION 19

Q: Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?

A: Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.

Before The Throne Of God Above

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

3. Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

3. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON TEXT - ACTS 16:11-24

11 So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. 14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. 15 And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

16 As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. 17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." 18 And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. 20 And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. 21 They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. 23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. 24 Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

SERMON

A Church is Born - Acts 16:11-24

Theme: God builds His church through unexpected means.

#1 - Lydia: A Businesswoman following Jesus

Key Truth: *Gospel starts small with unlikely people.*

#2 - A Slave Girl: *Proclaiming the Truth*

Key Truth: Time and time again God shows us that He is the One accomplishing His purposes; not us.

Other Passages

Luke 4:33 And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 34 "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." It was one of the first and most clear declarations of who Jesus was in the early part of Luke.

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

CONFESSION OF SIN

[From 'The Worship sourcebook']

All: O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles.

Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - JEREMIAH 33:7-8

I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

CLOSING SONG

Hear Our Praises

1. May our homes be filled with dancing
May our streets be filled with joy
May injustice bow to Jesus
As the people turn and pray

Chorus

From the mountain to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations
Hear our singing fill the air

2. May our light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross
May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water over the seas

Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah

From the mountain to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You

BENEDICTION - 2 PETER 3:18

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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 (klubp@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.

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.

Prayer for Scott Dean: Please continue to pray for Pastor Scott. The biopsy taken last week confirmed that his Merkel Cell Carcinoma is back. Immunotherapy treatment began last 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

Hope Explored- Thursday 5/12 at 7:00p.m.: Hope Explored is a 3-week outreach course available to Living Branch members. So everyone can see this resource, we will be running a virtual Hope Explored course for you to see online via Zoom. Feel free to email Bruce Longbottom or Pastor Cody with questions. Direct Link: <https://zoom.us/j/6940800068>
Meeting ID: 694 080 0068

Registration Is Open for BBC- June13-16: 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Seminary Park, Noblesville. To volunteer see Jaime Evans or Leanne Seland. To register go to <https://livingbranch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1271909>

Church Picnic - May 22nd We will be having a church picnic immediately following the service on May 22nd at Legacy. The church will provide the main dish and drinks and we ask that everyone bring a side dish to pass along with lawn chairs or blankets.

Financial Peace University Spring Session: There is room for you! Come join us for Spring Financial Peace University, Sundays at 1:00 p.m. at LivRite Fitness, 13454 Parkside Dr, Fishers, IN 46038. Please register on line at: fpu.com/1143017

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