



July 31, 2022
Worship Service - 10AM

Order of Worship

OPENING SONG

He Reigns

1. It's the song of the redeemed
Rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven
Drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers
Filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe every tongue every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir

Chorus

It's all God's children singing
Glory glory hallelujah
He reigns He reigns
It's all God's children singing
Glory glory hallelujah
He reigns (He reigns)

2. Let it rise above the four winds
Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation
Some were meant to persist
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples
None rings truer than this

Bridge

And all the powers of darkness
Tremble at what they've just heard
'Cause all the powers of darkness
Can't drown out a single word

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP - *PSALM 19:1-2, 7-8, 14*

All: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

1. What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

3. Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

NEW CITY CATECHISM: QUESTION 31

Q: What do we believe by true faith?

A: Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We believe in God the Father Almighty, 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, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

I Know Whom I Have Believed

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known
Nor why unworthy Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own

Chorus

But I know whom I have believed
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day

2. I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart
Nor how believing in His word
Wrought peace within my heart

3. I know not how the Spirit moves
Convincing men of sin
Revealing Jesus through the Word
Creating faith in Him

4. I know not what of good or ill
May be reserved for me
Of weary ways or golden days
Before His face I see

5. I know not when my Lord may come
At night or noontide fair
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him
Or meet Him in the air

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above

2. Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears our hopes our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares

3. We share each other's woes
Our mutual burdens bear
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear

5. This glorious hope revives
Our courage by the way
While each in expectation lives
And longs to see the day

6. From sorrow toil and pain
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON TEXT - PSALM 133

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

- 1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

SERMON

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds" - Psalm 133

Pastor Dave McKay

Ps. 133 begins, "Behold". Spurgeon noted that Christian unity is "a wonder seldom seen, therefore behold it".

1. "Dwell In Unity"

WCF XXVI, I, saints "united to one another in love".

Ps. 133 is a Pilgrim Psalm. Pilgrims often traveled by caravan, multiple families together.

Colossians 3:12-14.

Eugene Peterson, "The question...is how am I going to live in this community of faith?"

2. "When Brothers..."

"Brothers" don't always get along.

Colson, "Any resurgence of Christianity depends on a reawakening and renewal of the body of Christ."

Bannerman, "The Christian is more of a Christian in society than alone.."

Bunyan's "Help"

"You can choose your friends, but you can't choose your family."

3. "Forevermore"

V. 3, "Zion". Heaven is the "New Jerusalem", there will be unity in Heaven, there should be unity here and now.

Philippians 2: 1-4, I Peter 2:9, Romans 12:2

The need for godly influence in our lives.

Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

Other Scriptures:

Colossians 3:12-14 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Philippians 2:1-4 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

I Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We confess that, in our pride, we are slow to listen to you and your word and we are quick to cry out when others do not listen to us. Father, we are quick to listen to the wisdom of man, but slow to listen to the wisdom of your truth.

Holy God, words flow from our lips that are often insincere and untrue. We tell others that we are sorry when we aren't. Our 'yes' is not always 'yes' and we confess our sins flippantly. Hear us as ask for your mercy and pardon which is found in Jesus, the Word who became flesh. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - ISAIAH 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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 - COLOSSIANS 3:15

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

Men's Summer Ministry - Save the Date: The next meeting, "Leadership in the Church", will be Saturday, August 20, 8:30-10:00 PM, (location TBD).

Youth First Week of School Celebration- Friday August 5th (6pm-8pm): Join us for Mini-Golf and DQ Ice Cream at Birdie's Mini-Golf (birdiesindy.com) 632 E. State Rd 32 Westfield. \$6.50 for 18 holes for those under age 12 and \$9.00 for others. Let Pastor Cody (cbrobst@livingbranch.net) or Nancy Longbottom (blongbottom@sbcglobal.net) know if you can make it.

Youth Fall Retreat 2022! Mark your calendars for Sept. 30-Oct. 2 (late Friday afternoon to Sunday around lunch) at The Ark (an hour north). Registration details TBD, but plan on \$100 a student which covers lodging, food and materials. RSVP with Pastor Cody (cbrobst@livingbranch.net) and see him with any questions. Students, invite your friends!

Church Picnic: Sept. 11, Forest Park: We will celebrate 5 years since we've launched and welcome back the Doane family. We've reserved a shelter at Forest Park for the celebration picnic. If you would like to help with the planning and/or logistics, please reach out to Lea Bergman. (Lea's contact info: lkbergman@comcast.net). More information coming at a later date.

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