



August 7, 2022
Worship Service - 10AM

Order of Worship

OPENING SONG

O Church Arise

1. O Church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of Truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is love
Reaching out to those in darkness

2. Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on ev'ry side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Chorus

Arise shine for your Light has come
Arise shine for the risen Son
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride
Arise O Church arise

3. Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from his grave
This victory march continues 'til the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

4. So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 95:1-7

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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 32

Q: What do justification and sanctification mean?

A: Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

Way Maker

1. You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

2. You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

3. You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You Lord

That is who You are (4x)

Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON TEXT - 1 JOHN 4:1-6

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

SERMON

In the World And Not Of It: Spiritual Discernment - 1 John 4:1-6

Pastor Cody Brobst

Theme: Because it is not always easy to discern Christ-centered teaching (truth) from false teaching (error), we must grow in godly critical thinking.

Challenge #1: Spiritual Deception (vs. 1-3)

Reasons The World Resists Sound Doctrine:

- a) A lack of spiritual understanding (e.g. Pagans)
- b) A drive for applause and appearances (e.g. Pharisees)
- c) A hardened heart (e.g. Pharaoh)

Reading Between the Lines:

The Tolerance Test- appeal to emotion

The Bandwagon Test- appeal to popularity

The Power Test- appeal to authority

Challenge #2: Spiritual Defeat (vs. 4-6)

Four Early Church Heresies and Their Responding Church Councils:

- a) Arianism (Christ's Deity)- defeated at Nicaea (325)
- b) Apollinarianism (Christ's Humanity)- defeated at Constantinople (381)
- c) Nestorianism (Christ's single person)- defeated at Ephesus (431)
- d) Eutychianism (Christ's two natures)- defeated at Chalcedon (451)

Creeds, Confessions and Catechisms: seeing through spiritual folly for 2,000 years.

Other Scriptures:

Hebrews 5:14: "But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil."

Proverbs 14:8 "The wisdom of the prudent is to discern his way, but the folly of fools is deceiving."

1 Corinthians 2:12-15: "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one."

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.

Jesus Thank You

1. The myst'ry of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect Holy One crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Chorus

Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
Jesus thank You
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table
Jesus thank You

2. By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul I want to live for You

CONFESSION OF SIN - ROMANS 16:18

All: For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - EZEKIEL 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

CLOSING SONG

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

BENEDICTION - JUDE 1:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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 Bubp (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 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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