



**August 28, 2022**  
**Worship Service - 10AM**

## **Order of Worship**

### **OPENING 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

### **WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

## CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 86:9-15

**Leader:** All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

**People:** **For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.**

**Leader:** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

**People:** **For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

**Leader:** O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

**People:** **But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### 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

## NEW CITY CATECHISM: QUESTION 35

**Q: Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?**

**A:** All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.

### Love the Lord

1. Love the Lord your God with all your heart  
With all your soul with all your mind  
And with all your strength (REPEAT)

#### Chorus 1

With all your heart with all your soul  
With all your mind with all your strength  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart  
With all your soul with all your mind  
And with all your strength

2. I will serve the Lord  
With all my heart with all my soul  
With all my mind and with all my strength (REPEAT)

#### Chorus 2

With all my heart with all my soul  
With all my mind with all my strength  
I will serve the Lord with all my heart  
With all my soul with all my mind  
And with all my strength

#### Bridge

I will love You (I will love You)  
I will praise You (I will praise You)  
I will serve You (I will serve You)  
I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)

#### Chorus 3

With all my heart with all my soul  
With all my mind with all my strength (REPEAT)

I will love You Lord with all my heart  
With all my soul with all my mind  
And with all my strength (REPEAT 2X)

## **His Mercy Is More**

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

## **Receive New Members: The Hinton Family**

## **SERMON TEXT - 1 JOHN 4:7-21**

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

## SERMON

### In the World & Not Of It: True Love - 1 John 4:7-21

Pastor Cody Brobst

Main idea: Because God is love, we must be compelled by Him to have & share love.

**Love (noun/verb)**- a self-sacrificial devotion to God and the welfare of others.

#### 1. God is the Model of True Love (vs. 7-12)

Obstacle #1: Our hearts love self over God

Jesus love is contra-conditional, not "unconditional."

#### 2. God is the Message of True Love (vs. 13-16)

Obstacle #2: Our minds love answers over belief

Jesus love is action, not affection, based.

#### 3. God is the Motivation of True Love (vs. 17-21)

Obstacle #3: Our hands love revenge over forgiveness

Jesus love is confidently transformative, not fearful of the future.

Key passages to memorize from God's love letter:

**The Way of Love (1 Cor. 13:4-8, 13):** "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends...So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

**The Greatest Commandment (Mk. 12:29-31):** "Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

**Marks of the True Christian (Rom. 12:9-16):** "Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight."

## **CONFESSION OF SIN - ROMANS 3:10-18**

**All:** "As it is written:

"None is righteous, no, not one;  
no one understands;  
no one seeks for God.

All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;  
no one does good,  
not even one."

"Their throat is an open grave;  
they use their tongues to deceive."

"The venom of asps is under their lips."  
"Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

"Their feet are swift to shed blood;  
"in their paths are ruin and misery,  
"and the way of peace they have not known."  
"There is no fear of God before their eyes."

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON - ROMANS 5:7-8**

*"For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

## CLOSING SONG

### To Know You

1. There's a sweet sound as we sing of grace  
as we come to worship in this place,  
all our hearts, sing His praise, come celebrate.

Forgiven what we were guilty of,  
we will bear the fruit of Calvary's love  
all our hearts, sing His praise, come celebrate.

#### Chorus

To know Him and make Him known will be our lifelong story,  
To know Him and make Him known until we stand in glory.

All our hearts, praise His name, sing the anthem of His fame.  
All our hearts, praise His name, sing the anthem of His fame.  
Jesus Christ, born to die and rise again.

2. And His glory calls us to His throne  
in His temple built of living stones,  
all our hearts, sing His praise, come celebrate.

And He sends us out as the harvest grows  
for we all will reap what the Spirit sows,  
all our hearts, sing His praise, come celebrate.

#### Chorus 2

To know You and make You known will be our lifelong story,  
To know You and make You known until we stand in glory.

All our hearts, praise Your name sing the anthem of Your fame.  
All our hearts, praise Your name sing the anthem of Your fame,  
Jesus Christ bids us die to live again.

## **BENEDICTION - REVELATION 1:5-6**

*To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. 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

**Mark your calendars for our Celebration Picnic! September 11, 2022.** Immediately following the service join us at Forest Park, shelter 5. Plan to enjoy face painting, activities for the little ones, bubbles, corn hole and fellowship. The church will provide smoked pulled pork, mac and cheese, drinks, and paper products/cutlery. **Please bring a salad or dessert to share.** See you there!!

**\*\*This school year we have a few nursery and K-2nd class spots open** and could really use a hand. Please email Leanne at: lbckids@livingbranch.net if you have any questions or can take that Sunday. Thank you for jumping in!

**Nursery/Preschool:** Dec. 4

Week 2-Adult Needed (monthly)

Week 4-Adult and Helper Needed (monthly)

(weeks 2 and 4 are on a monthly rotation)

**K-2nd Class:** Week 2-Helper Needed (monthly)

Week 5-Helper Needed (Dates: October 30, January 29, April 30)\*\*.

**Prayer Requests:** Please keep the Gidding family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Greg's mother, Janet.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Scott, giving praise to God that the treatment is helping.

**Youth Fall Retreat 2022!** Mark your calendars for **Sept. 16-18** (late Friday afternoon to Sunday around lunch) at The Ark (an hour north). **Please give your \$100 check and camp waiver to Pastor Cody ASAP,** and see him with any questions. **(Checks should be made payable to Living Branch Church)**

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