

Worship Service 5 Sept 2021 via zoom.

Welcome. Father's Day

AGM postponed to 19 Sept.

Song: Spirit of the Living God R602

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Prayer:

Psalm 96:1-8

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
² Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
⁴ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.
⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.

Prayer.

Song: To God be the Glory R 29 vs1,2

To God be the glory,
great things He has done.
So loved He the world
that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His Life
an atonement for sin.
And opened the life gate
that all may go in.

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord
Let the Earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.
Let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory
great things He has done.

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
To every believer
the promise of God;
The vilest offender
who truly believes
that moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.

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Psalm 96:11-13

- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.
¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."
The world is firmly established, it cannot be
moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.
¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
¹² Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in
them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
¹³ Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he
comes, he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his truth.

Prayer:

Song: To God be the Glory R 29 vs3

Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done.
And great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son.
But purer and higher
and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport
when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord
Let the Earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.
Let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory
great things He has done.

Devotional by Dr. Charles Stanley

Whole and free:

Bible reading: 1 Thess 5:23,24

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

So often we are hindered by failures, which leave us feeling deficient and incomplete. But God's Word tells a different story. Take the Greek word 'hohokléros', for instance. It is used only twice in scripture (1 Thess 5:23 and James 1:4) and it means "complete in every part, sound, perfect, entire."

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So though we may feel completion is lacking, that is far from the truth. It's our portion, our share. Freely given. That is freedom.

There is no final component to be found, no striving required. The peace that comes with redemption is already ours. All we need to do is

rest in the knowledge that we are whole and, better still, deeply loved by the One who attained the victory for us.

Christian philosopher Dallas Willard wrote, 'Grace is not opposed to earning.' What does this mean to you? Have you been trying to earn the blessings that are already yours?

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General Prayer: Laurie Maskell

Introduction to Bruce Milne: Joan Smith

Bible Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Sermon: Bruce Milne

Teaching: Bruce Milne

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Hymn: I long to Know you Better (sheets)
Alex 414

1 I long to know You better
Day by day,
I want to draw much closer
When I pray,
To listen more intently
For Thy voice,
To let the things You choose
Be my choice.

2 I long to serve You better
Hour by hour,
Depending more entirely
On Your power,
I want to know more fully
All Your will,
To count upon each promise,
And be still.

3 I long to keep more closely
At Your side,
To worship in Your presence,
And abide,
I want to rest more calmly
In Your care,
Assured that You will keep me
Safely there.

4 I long to find new beauties
In Your word,
To follow in the footsteps
Of my Lord,
And, oh, the greatest longing
Thro' Your grace,
Is that mine eyes may see You
Face to face.

Bible reading: 1 Thess 5:24,25

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May God's Blessings surround you each day

May God's blessings surround you each day
As you trust him and walk in his way.
May His presence within
guard and keep you from sin.
Go in peace. Go in joy. Go in love.