



July 25, 2021—9:00 am  
Sanctuary

*If possible, please sit towards the center of the pews to make space for others.*

*"We can dispense with uniformity if we possess unity: oneness of life, truth, and way; oneness in Christ Jesus; oneness of object and spirit—these we must have, or our assemblies will be synagogues of contention rather than churches of Christ." (Charles Spurgeon, Commentary on Psalm 133)*

Prelude

*The prelude is a bridge from our busy lives into this hour of worship.  
Feel free to share Christ's peace during this time, or to quiet your heart in prayer and reflection.*

Community Life Update

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 113:1-3

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**All: Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

**All: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

\*Hymn of Entrance

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul.  
Worship his holy name, sing like never before.  
O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come,  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore.

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\*Please stand if you are able.

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.*

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find,  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.

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\*Prayer of Adoration

\*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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.

I 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. Amen.

\*Scripture Reading

Ephesian 4:1-16

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Supplication

from The Book of Common Prayer

Leader: O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace:  
Give us grace to take to embrace a spirit of unity in Christ.

**All: Deliver your Church from all division, and anything that hinders us from godly union.**

Leader: As there is one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling,

**All: one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all,**

Leader: so make us all to be of one heart and of one mind,  
united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and love,

**All: that with one voice we may give you praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in everlasting glory. Amen.**

Moment of Silent Confession

## Words of Grace and Peace

Ephesians 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

## Tithes and Generous Giving

*K4-K5 may leave for Kids Church. One parent will need to escort the child to the Commons Area.*

*The offering is an act of worship where we declare our dependence on the Lord and take time to prayerfully consecrate ourselves to him. To give, visit [give.mitchellroad.org](http://give.mitchellroad.org). Tithes and Offerings may also be placed in the offering box at the exits of the Sanctuary as you leave.*

Oh, how good it is when the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit, in faith, and unity,  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,  
And with one heart we'll live out His word,  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.*

Oh, how good it is, on this journey we share,  
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn;  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

Oh, how good it is to embrace His command  
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one, we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

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## Prayers of the People

### Scripture Reading

John 13

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### Sermon

Andy Lewis

\*Hymn of Response

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Nothing can for sin atone—nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace—nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome—nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Now by this I'll reach my home—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude

**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Neel Skelton, Next Generation Director

Sunday Morning Elective from 10:10-10:45 am

**July Adult Elective** – “The Nuts and Bolts of Prayer” - Teacher: Curtis DuBose (Sanctuary)

**NEW Next Week—August Adult Elective** – “Hebrews: Christ Is Better” - Teacher: Neel Skelton (Sanctuary)

Hebrews is written to people whose faith is struggling. Following Jesus is a lot harder than they ever imagined and the pull to consider other options is strong. Like the original audience, many of us have considered the same question... is any of this worth it? Is Jesus really worth following in the midst of temptation, sin, doubt, and persecution? The writer of Hebrews has a message for us all: Christ is better. He is better than anything we might leave him for. He is better than anything the world has to offer. So don't give up, endure until the end. Join us as we take a 30,000 foot view of the book of Hebrews and discover again that Christ really is better.

Officer Nominations

Do you know a man at Mitchell Road whom you feel would be a good candidate for elder or deacon? Nominations are now open for church officers. We will be having another informational meeting for church members considering nominating a man for the office of deacon or elder, and for those who are considering the office of deacon or elder on Sunday, August 15 from 10:10-10:45 am in B111.

Please prayerfully consider men whose lives model the descriptions laid out in 1 Timothy 3:1-12 for elders and deacons. After speaking with him to see if he is willing to stand for office, please complete the nomination form found at [mitchellroad.org/officers](http://mitchellroad.org/officers) or pick-up a form at the Welcome Desk.

Grace Marriage and Re-Engage Deadlines Approaching

Don't miss your opportunity to participate in one of the marriage enrichment opportunities! ReEngage deadline is today and Grace Marriage deadline is August 8. Find out more at [mitchellroad.org/events](http://mitchellroad.org/events).