

# Sunday Worship

June 6, 2021

9:30 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.*

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *Who You Say I Am* Fielding & Morgan  
CCLI #7102401

### The Call to Worship

Listen. Do you hear it?

**The Love of Christ is poured out for us.**

Listen. Do you hear it?

**The cloud of the faithful is singing God's praise.**

Listen. Do you hear it?

**The Spirit is calling us to worship.**

The Hymn of Praise *Come Thou Almighty King* 139  
(verses 1 & 3)

### The Call to Confession Psalm 139:4

Even before we speak, God knows our wrongs. Yet our repentance opens our hearts to God, who is waiting to hear us and forgive us. Let us confess all that separates us from God and others.

### The Prayer of Confession

**You have called us blessed, O God, and washed us in the waters of grace. You have called us a family, O God and bound us by the presence of your Spirit. Forgive us, O Holy One, when we try to forget that we belong to you: when we bind ourselves to the illusion of independence, the myth of supremacy, or the fear of what might happen if we placed our trust in something beyond ourselves.**

**Hear us O God, as we approach you in the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions. (Silence)**

**Forgive us, O Holy One, and by your forgiveness, free us from all that keeps us bound.**

The Assurance of Pardon 2 Corinthians 4:13  
Sisters and brothers, do not lose heart. When we call, God hears us, when we confess, God forgives us. We believe and so we proclaim. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

The Response *Sanctuary* CCLI #24140  
Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

The Special Music *We Will Serve the Lord* Cooney  
One License #83043

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 3:8-15

The Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

The Sermon "Excuses and Excuses" Pastor Philomena

## Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith (From a Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

The Hymn *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* 369  
(all verses)



## Genesis 3:8-15

### Good News Translation

<sup>8</sup> That evening they heard the LORD God walking in the garden, and they hid from him among the trees. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called out to the man, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup> He answered, "I heard you in the garden; I was afraid and hid from you, because I was naked."

<sup>11</sup> "Who told you that you were naked?" God asked. "Did you eat the fruit that I told you not to eat?"

<sup>12</sup> The man answered, "The woman you put here with me gave me the fruit, and I ate it."

<sup>13</sup> The LORD God asked the woman, "Why did you do this?"

She replied, "The snake tricked me into eating it."

<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD God said to the snake, "You will be punished for this; you alone of all the animals must bear this curse: From now on you will crawl on your belly, and you will have to eat dust as long as you live. <sup>15</sup> I will make you and the woman hate each other; her offspring and yours will always be enemies. Her offspring will crush your head, and you will bite her offspring's<sup>a</sup> heel."

## 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

### Good News Translation

<sup>13</sup> The scripture says, "I spoke because I believed." In the same spirit of faith we also speak because we believe. <sup>14</sup> We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus to life, will also raise us up with Jesus and take us, together with you, into his presence. <sup>15</sup> All this is for your sake; and as God's grace reaches more and more people, they will offer to the glory of God more prayers of thanksgiving.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason we never become discouraged. Even though our physical being is gradually decaying, yet our spiritual being is renewed day after day. <sup>17</sup> And this small and temporary trouble we suffer will bring us a tremendous and eternal glory, much greater than the trouble. <sup>18</sup> For we fix our attention, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever.

**5** For we know that when this tent we live in—our body here on earth—is torn down, God will have a house in heaven for us to live in, a home he himself has made, which will last forever.