

The Lord's Day, September 20, 2026

10:30 AM Morning Service

*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*
Colossians 1:13-14

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Praise the Lord in joyful numbers; your protector never slumbers;
At the will of your Defender, every rival must surrender.*

("Children of the Heavenly Father," verse 5)

*Call to Worship: Psalm 98:1-4

Minister: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

People: The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Minister: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Unison: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

*Hymn of Adoration: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" ([SH No. 5](#))

Come, Christians, join to sing,
alleluia, amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King,
alleluia, amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice,
alleluia, amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,
alleluia, amen!

Let praises fill the sky,
alleluia, amen!

He who made all things well
formed us his praise to tell;
hear now the anthem swell,
alleluia, amen!

Sing this salvation song,
alleluia, amen!

Christ on the cross has won,
alleluia, amen!

Praise we the risen Lord;
come, run through mercy's door;
loved, rescued, and restored,
alleluia, amen!

Lift high the Savior's name,
alleluia, amen!
Till all the earth proclaims,
alleluia, amen!
Let now the gospel ring,
Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring,
alleluia, amen!

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***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer**

Praise be to you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you have blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. You chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless before you. And in love you predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ. So we praise you for your glorious grace, which you have freely given us in your beloved Son – through whose blood we have redemption and forgiveness of sins. In his name we come to you. Amen.

from Ephesians 1

***Confession of Faith (SH No. 813)**

Minister: At the cross, what did Christ's death accomplish?

People: He turned away the wrath of God against our iniquities.
He made an atoning sacrifice for our guilt.
He canceled our debt and forgave our sins.
He became sin so that we might be sinless in God's sight.
He reconciled all things to himself, making peace.
He presented us holy, blameless, and above reproach.
He gave us access in one Spirit to the Father.
He triumphed over all evil rulers and authorities.
He made us alive so that we might die to sin and live for him.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria (Tune: "Lauda Anima")**

Glory be to him who loved us,
washed us from each spot and stain;
glory be to him who bought us,
made us kings with him to reign;
glory, blessing, honor, power,
to the Lamb that once was slain.

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 53:4-6 (SH No. 822)

Minister: Surely he has borne our griefs

People: and carried our sorrows;

Minister: yet we esteemed him stricken,

People: smitten by God, and afflicted.

Minister: But he was pierced for our transgressions;

People: he was crushed for our iniquities;

Minister: upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

People: and with his wounds we are healed.

Minister: All we like sheep have gone astray;

People: we have turned – every one – to his own way;

Minister: and the LORD has laid on him

People: the iniquity of us all.

***Hymn of Response: "The Power of the Cross" ([SH No. 821](#))**

Oh, to see the dawn
of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus

*This the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
we stand forgiven at the cross!*

Oh, to see the pain
written on your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought,
ev'ry evil deed
crowning your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees;
now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two;
dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name
written in the wounds,
for through your suff'ring I am free!
Death is crushed to death;
life is mine to live,
won through your selfless love!

Chorus 2

*This the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love, what a cost –
we stand forgiven at the cross!*

The Prayers of the People

Father, I plead Jesus' blood to pay my debts of wrong.
Accept his worthiness for my unworthiness,
his sinlessness for my transgressions,
his purity for my uncleanness,
his sincerity for my duplicity,
his truth for my deceits,
his meekness for my pride,
his constancy for my backslidings,
his love for my hatred,
his fullness for my emptiness,
his faithfulness for my disloyalty,
his obedience for my lawlessness,
his glory for my shame,
his devotedness for my waywardness,
his holy life for my impure ways,
his righteous faithfulness for my faithless works,
his death for my life. Amen.

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision* (SH No. 809)

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Unison: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

*Hymn of Consecration: "His Robes for Mine" ([SH No. 259](#))

His robes for mine: oh, wonderful exchange!
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.
Draped in his righteousness, I'm justified.
In Christ I live, for in my place he died.

Chorus

*I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.
My praise, my all shall be for Christ alone*

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
God's daunting law Christ mastered in my stead.
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,
saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"
Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won.

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know;
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though his foe.
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;
I, as though he, embraced and welcomed home!

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Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology (Tune: "Old Hundredth")**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Matthew 27:27-44**

Minister: This is the Word of God.

Unison: Thanks be to God for his Word!

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "The Crucifixion of Jesus" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

***Hymn of Response: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ([SH No. 818](#))**

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Lunch

Join us for our fellowship lunch today following the worship service.

Men's Pancake Breakfast

Men, you are invited to a pancake breakfast here at the church on Saturday, **October 3, at 8:00 AM**.

Congregational Meeting

On **October 4** after the morning service, we will hold a congregational meeting to vote on the Session's recommendation to elect deacons: Roger Cocking, Glen Deal, Sonny Long, Victor Ramos, and Owen Viersma.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study has resumed and will meet on **Thursdays at 10:00 AM** at the church. We are studying *The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books*, by Nancy Guthrie.

Men's Fellowship Time

Men's Fellowship Time is every **Wednesday at 7:00 AM** at Nettie's Roadside Restaurant, 2555 27th Ave Suite G-6 in Vero Beach.

Online Giving Available

If you would like to give online, please scan the QR Code below. You will have the option to give to the general fund or the benevolence fund. In addition, you can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring donation.



Operation Christmas Child

You are invited, once again, to participate in Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Drive. Be a part of bringing great Christmas joy to children throughout the world. Information about suggested gifts, prohibited items, packing options, and shipping cost is available in the narthex. Our goal this year is 160 boxes, an increase of 8 over last year. The last day to return the shoeboxes is November 15. If you prefer to have someone else shop for you, please see Audrey Blanzole. She will add your donation to those made by the women in Bible study and will order items in bulk. Last year the women generously contributed and filled 42 boxes. If you have a particular age group you would like her to shop for, please complete the form that may be found on the shoebox table in the narthex and attach the amount you wish to spend to the form.

Thank you, in advance, for participating. Many of these boys and girls have never received a gift and have never heard of the true meaning of Christmas until they open their shoeboxes.