

SEPTEMBER 2023 WORSHIP GUIDE

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This booklet contains the outline for each worship service during the month of September 2023.

Sunday worship is in person, online and broadcast on the radio (you can listen in your car on FM 87.9, in the church parking lot). If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch online on our website and YouTube channel.

Even if we are not worshipping in the same building, we are still one body, one family, we are brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Look up the scriptures referenced in the following pages; pray the words, and claim the promises for you and your family. - Pastor Jonathan

I Give Life and Breath to All Things.

²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. Acts 17:24-25 (NRSV)

In this Scripture passage we read, the Apostle Paul is speaking to some Greek philosophers on a place called Mars Hill. In this place of pagan worship, they had many false gods that they erected statues and monuments to.

Paul, being the relevant kind of guy that he was, stopped at a simple monument created for 'the unknown god'. It was there that Paul began to reveal some of the mysteries about who the 'unknown god' actually was. Paul went on to preach the good news to these philosophers and revealed that the unknown god was actually the only true God. Don't you love how Paul creatively shares how God does not need to be worshiped through statues and idols because He is the very One that gives life and breath to all things!

The truth is that our God is not unknown and nameless. If we want to know what He is like, all we have to do is look at His Son, Jesus Christ. In John 14:9, Jesus says that anyone who has seen Jesus has seen the Father. Hebrews 1:3 says that Jesus is the exact representation of the Father's being.

The wonderful news about today's promise is that the God and Father of all creation (Ephesians 4:6) continues to be very involved in everything He created. He is not distant and unconcerned, for every heart beat and every breath comes from His goodness.

Dear Father in heaven, open our hearts to see what is good in our lives. May the light in our hearts shine clearly so that we see, recognize, and live in accordance with what comes from eternity and belongs to our true nature, brought to us through Christ. Keep us from being blinded and deafened by experiences that will pass by. Help us to rise above them even in suffering and to wait patiently for what is becoming new and perfect. Praise to your name that we too can say, "The old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" Amen.

September Worship

Worship Sept 3

Scriptures to read and meditate on

Ex 3:1-15; Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Rom 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28

Call To Worship

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. We Sing to him, we sing praises to him; and tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. We seek the LORD and his strength; we seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered. Take up your cross and follow the Lord as you obey his word. Set your mind on divine things, not on human things. We come to find our life in Christ alone, as we praise God's name.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and forgiving God, the Gospel reminds us that Jesus instructed us to "deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow." But we often find ourselves unable to deny ourselves the things that we think will make us happy. We are hesitant to carry even the smallest cross, and we follow from afar, hesitant to get too close. In doing so, we deprive ourselves of the profound experiences that come with being a disciple of Jesus, and we hinder the work of your Kingdom. Please forgive us. We ask that you examine our hearts and thoughts, searching for any opposition within us. Guide us on the path that leads to eternal life and strengthen our determination to follow Jesus every step of the way.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of transforming love: We thank you for the opportunity to take up our cross and follow you. We, like Peter, struggle with the image of a savior sent to suffer and die. And we struggle with the practice of taking up our own cross as we follow you. As we bring gifts for the work of building your kingdom, help us learn to deny, carry, and follow, so that our life may be found only in you, and we may become the bearers of your Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven. Through the One who bore His cross for us, we pray. Amen.

Worship Sept 10

Scriptures to read and meditate on

Ex 12:1-14; Ps 149; Rom 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20

Call To Worship

Pilgrims on the way, when we feel lost and ask for a sign to show us the way out of our confusion, We remember that when we gather to worship, we find God in our midst. When we face obstacles and barriers that keep us from the life God has called us to, We remember that God is always at work among us, protecting and tending our well-being. When we cannot find our way out of conflict and discord, We remember that God calls and equips us for the work of reconciliation. When we struggle to pay attention to how God is at work all around us, We remember God's call to sit, eat, and tell one another the stories of God's faithfulness. Pilgrims on the way, when we watch for signs of God among us, Let us remember that we too are signs of God's presence for one another!

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we hear Jesus say that whatever we bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever we loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. We seek to bind ourselves to you, knowing that you will forgive us and love us. But we often forget that Jesus says this to us regarding one another. It's easier to turn inward and be bound by our own anger, and resentment, than it is to let loose love and forgiveness. It's easier to be bound to the past, than it is to set loose a future that is unknown. Forgive us for those times where we had rather let our stubbornness and bitterness eat away at your given peace. Help us to live into your presence of restoration, as we do the hard work of reconciliation in our own lives.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Patient Lord, we thank you for your amazing grace that forgives our many sins. You display merciful acts and answer our prayers in profound ways. Remind us that the work of reconciliation is vital in your kingdom. Help us to be good stewards of your mercy and grace as these monetary gifts are transformed into active ministries. We give in the hope that you will do more with what we offer than we could ever do on our own, to heal the brokenness and division in our world. We pray in the name of the one who teaches true forgiveness, Jesus Christ. Amen.

September Worship

Worship Sept 17

Scriptures to read and meditate on

Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21; Ps 114; Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35

Call To Worship

O Lord, majestic in holiness, who is like you? In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries.
O Lord, awesome in splendor, who is like you? Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, shattered the enemy.
O Lord, worker of wonders, who is like you? Sing to the Lord, my strength and my might, you are my salvation!

Prayer of Confession

God of the pillar of cloud and parting waters, we are reminded each week of your hand that moves and works in our lives, but so often we find ourselves lost in the darkness that keeps us from seeing your light. You are the One who leads and guides us safely home, but so often we want to turn back or take a different route. You are the One who shields us from the enemy, but so often we forget your protection. Forgive us. Free us from the chains of Sin and Death that keep us from trusting you. Dry the muddy land of our hearts and lives so that we may walk swiftly and boldly in your grace and love.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Faithful and Delivering God, we thank you for your provision of life. We thank you that when we think there is no way, that you make a way. You are the God we long to serve, and the God we love so much. We ask that you take what we offer to you this day, and bless it so that our gifts may be a witness of your great work so that others may believe and honor your name. Lead us now into the world, to serve your kingdom and share your freedom with others. In the name of the one who delivered us, and made a way when we saw none, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Worship Sept 24

Scriptures to read and meditate on

Ex 16:2-15; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16

Call To Worship

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Prayer of Confession

Forgiving Lord, we are such jealous people. We want to make sure that we get what we deserve, that we are always treated fairly. Yet we complain when you treat others, who have not worked as hard or been as faithful, with such love. Just like the workers in the Gospel lesson, we want to know why you are as generous with the late-comers as you are with us, after all, we whine, we've been here longer. You are merciful and compassionate. You do not count the time, but the quality of the heart. Forgive us, generous Lord, when we have been so petty about your love. Heal and restore us. Help us reach out with love and hope to others in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of endless patience, we know that the sound of our complaining is not the music that pleases your ears. We complain about the food that is under or overcooked, and you hear stomachs that have no food. We whine about the bed being too soft, and you see instead those whose bed is the sidewalk or the floor of a cell. May the offering we bring today be an act of praise that drowns out the noise of our complaining. May it find its way to bring comfort to your children who have little or nothing; and when that happens, may it be joy for your eyes and ears. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Grace Greater than Our Sin - Word Search

Just for fun, or use as a teaching aide with your younger family members.

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Find the **40 bold** words or phrases from the Hymn,
Grace Greater than Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our **loving Lord**,
grace that **exceeds** our **sin and our guilt!**
Yonder on **Calvary's mount** outpoured,
there where the **blood of the Lamb** was **spilt**.
Sin and **despair**, like the **sea waves** cold,
threaten the **soul** with **infinite loss**;
grace that is **greater**, yes, grace **untold**,
points to the **refuge**, the **mighty cross**.
Dark is the stain that we **cannot hide**.

What can **avail** to **wash** it away?
Look! There is **flowing** a **crimson tide**,
brighter than **snow** you may be **today**.
Marvelous, **infinite**, **matchless** grace,
freely bestowed on all **who believe!**
You that are **longing** to see **his face**,
will you this **moment** his **grace receive?**

Grace, grace, **God's grace**,
grace that will **pardon** and **cleanse within**;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is **greater than all our sin!**

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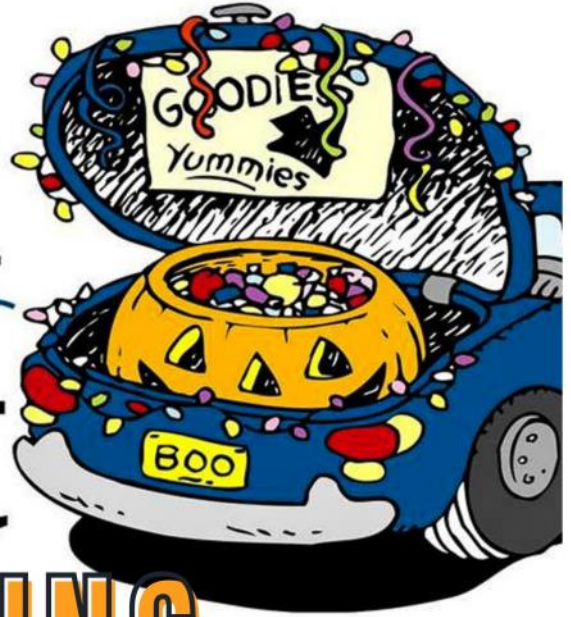
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