



September 17, 2023 - 11:00 am  
Fellowship Hall

Welcome

Community Life

Call to Sacrificial Living

\*Call to Worship

from Psalm 103

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**All: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

Leader: as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**All: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.**

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Song of Praise

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,

Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care,

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,

And worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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*\* Please stand if you are able.*

\*Scripture Reading

from Psalm 106

Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.  
We have sinned, even as our ancestors did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly.  
When our ancestors were in Egypt, they gave no thought to your miracles;  
they did not remember your many kindnesses,  
Yet God saved them for his name's sake, to make his mighty power known.  
He saved them from the hand of the foe; from the hand of the enemy he redeemed them.  
Then they believed his promises and sang his praise.  
Save us, Lord our God, and gather us from the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.  
Praise be to the Lord our God, from everlasting to everlasting.

Leader: Let all the people say,     **People: "Amen!"**

\*Songs of Worship

Give thanks to God for He is always good; His love endures always.  
We have been scattered, gather us together to praise your holy name.  
But we have sinned just like our fathers, yet you forgive to make your power known.

*Let all the people say, "Amen, Amen", all the earth will sing.*

*Let all the people say, "Amen, Amen, worthy is our King!"*

He brings redemption, He is our salvation. We will sing his praise.  
His faithfulness is stronger than our failure - praise his Holy name!  
And he will keep his every promise. O we will see the glory of his face!

He parts the waters, leads through the fire, though we forget his love  
We sing together and we remember - our God is always good!

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Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise;  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.*

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

You give and take away, you give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be your name.

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I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will;  
And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;  
And I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place;  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ, Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.  
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ, Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.*

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,  
And let my song forever be, "My only boast is You."

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Call to Confession (*unison*)

from "The Book of Common Prayer"

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.**

Time of Silent Repentance

Proclamation of the Good News

from Isaiah 43

Here is what God says; the God who created you, the God who formed you: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One, your Savior."

\*Song of Worship

*Children K4/K5 may leave for Kids Church. A parent should escort child to the Commons Area.*

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and the waves will not overcome you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine.

*For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God), I am the Lord your God (I am)  
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior (The Holy One of Israel, your Savior)  
For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God), I am the Lord your God (I am)  
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior (The Holy One of Israel, your Savior)  
I am the Lord (do not fear), I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear), I am the Lord (do not fear)*

When you walk through the fire you'll not be burned, and the flames will not consume you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine.

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Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:1-17

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Sermon Series - *Hebrews: Jesus Is Better*

Scott Puckett

\*Parting Song

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise;  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.*

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\*Benediction

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Tithes and Offerings may also be placed in the giving box at the exits of the Fellowship Hall as you leave.*

### New Today? Welcome!

We're so glad you are here! Fill out a blue Connect Card and stop by and turn it in at the Welcome Desk for a free gift. Also, join us for coffee in the Welcome Center between 9:30 and 11:15 am. We would love to meet you.

### Membership Class Begins Soon!

Interested in finding out more about our church? Our New Members Class will be on Sundays from October 15–November 19 from 9:45-10:45 am. There will also be a Sunday evening dinner. This class is a requirement for membership but you are welcome to join the class even if you are unsure about membership. Registration is now open at [mitchellroad.org/events](http://mitchellroad.org/events).

### Quick Notes—Find out More at [mitchellroad.org/events](http://mitchellroad.org/events)

Friday, Sept. 22 – Saturday, Sept. 23: Gospel-Centered Life Weekend hosted by Serge at Mitchell Road  
Sunday, Sept. 24 at 4:00 pm: Choral concert featuring Craig Courtney, with Mitchell Road Choir and Orchestra  
Friday, Sept. 29 – Sunday, Oct. 1: Montgomery Fall Trip  
Various Fall Dates: Primetime Events  
Sunday, Oct. 8 - Christian Life Conference with Dr. Irwyn Ince

### Exploring Prayer 2023—This Week's Prayer

Pray that widows and those who grieve would find comfort (Luke 2:36-38)

Visit our **Prayer Wall** in the Commons Area. Share a request, pray for one of the requests, or share an answered prayer. Additionally see our **Prayer Scribbles**—a new feature where you write out a prayer to God.

Also, plan a time to visit our **Prayer Stations**, placed around the outdoor campus, with Prayer prompts for each station on our MR App. We are thankful you are joining us as we Explore Prayer together this year.