

# MITCHELL ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 13 - 8:30 am and 9:45 am

## Sanctuary

*For a brief hour, we step into the continual stream of worship which is being offered all around the world, which began long before us and will be offered until the end of time, and through eternity.*

**Prelude** This Is My Father's World arr. Diane Bish

## Community Life

## PRAISING THE CREATOR

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 63:1-4, 7

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;

**All:** my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.

**All:** Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands...

**All:** for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings  
I will sing for joy.

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Hymn of Entrance**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ear, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

*"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Words: Charles Wesley, Public Domain, 1739; Music: Carl Glaser, Public domain, c. 1800*

### **\*Hymn of Praise (8:30)**

**Choir:** Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God!  
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

**All:** See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the Giver, never fails from age to age.

Savior, if of Zion's city I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:  
Fading are the world's best pleasures, all its boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion's children know.

*"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" Words: John Newton (1779), Public Domain; Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH by Cyril Taylor (1941), arr. James Biery, © 2005, Hope Publishing Company*

### **Sacrament of Baptism (9:45)**

*Theodore Clayton Eaddy, son of Clay and Silvia Eaddy*

*baptized by TE Adam Betterton, assisted by RE Kevin Hendricks*

### **New Testament Reading    Revelation 22:1-7**

Reader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

## Choral Meditation     *I'll Be On My Way*

When I am gone, don't you cry for me, don't you pity my sorry soul.  
What pain there might have been will now be past  
and my spirit will be whole.

I'll be on my way! I'll be on my way!

I'll have left my feet of clay upon the ground, I will be glory bound.  
I'll be on my way!

When I am gone, please forgive the wrongs  
that I might have done to you.

There'll be no room for regrets up there,  
high above, way beyond the blue.

I'll be on my way! I'll be on my way!

I'll have laid my frown and all my burdens down,  
I'll be puttin' on my crown. I'll be on my way!

When I am gone, don't you look for me in the places I have been;  
I'll be alive, but somewhere else: I'll be on my way again!

I'll be on my way! I'll be on my way!

I will lift my wings and soar into the air, there'll be glory everywhere.  
I'll be on my way!

I'll be on my way! I'll be on my way!

I'll have laid my frown and all my burdens down,  
I'll be puttin' on my crown.

I'll be on my way!

I'll have left my feet of clay upon the ground,  
I will be glory bound. I'll be on my way!

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## **\*Song of Worship**

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

*I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)*  
*I am bound for the Promised Land, I am bound (I am bound)*  
*I am bound (I am bound) I am bound for the Promised Land.*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath, can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

*"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" Words: John Rippon, Public Domain, 1930; Music: Christopher Miner*  
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## LAMENTING THE FALL

### Confession of Sin

**All:** Our gracious and patient God, we confess that we have committed two great sins: we have ignored you, the source of living water; and we have tried to save ourselves by building our own sources of life, but they are broken and cannot save us. Forgive us, Lord, for trusting our resources and abilities instead of trusting you, for constantly seeking to provide for ourselves instead of resting in your provision. Jesus, we come to you, ready and desperate for the living water of your grace, for you alone can truly satisfy our deepest needs and give us abundant life. Amen.

### Moment of Silent Confession

## CHERISHING REDEMPTION

### Words of Grace and Peace    Isaiah 12:1-3

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

## Hymn of Worship

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice, to worship you,  
O my soul, rejoice! Take joy my King, in what you hear.  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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## Pastoral Prayer

### LONGING FOR RESTORATION

**Scripture Reading**    Ezekiel 47:1-12

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God!

*Tim Pitzer*

**Sermon**    Healing Waters and Leaves

### \*Song of Response

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb,  
Believing hearts find promised grace, salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing - their thund'rous anthem rings  
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies - their praises rise:  
"All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are  
To God our King who reigns on high forever more."*

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne;  
We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die;  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King we'll reign with Him.

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### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

*The flowers this morning are given in loving memory  
of Tom Stanley by his family.*

## Assisting in Worship:

Preacher: Tim Pitzer, Equip the Church Pastor

Liturgist: Caleb Kreitz, Spiritual Formation Director

## Special Event on Sunday Evening, October 11!

### *The Lost Gospels: Our Culture's Quest to Rewrite the Story of Jesus*

As we prepare to enter the New Testament on our Journey Through Scripture, we are thrilled to welcome Dr. Michael Kruger who will not only preach on Sunday morning, but return on Sunday evening where he will dive into the reliability of our four Gospels and what sets them apart from all other Gospels in the ancient world. Why do we have only four Gospels in our Bibles? And what do we do with lost Gospels like the Gospel of Thomas. Dr. Kruger is one of the leading scholars today in the origins of the New Testament, particularly the development of the New Testament canon. This is a dessert event from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (Presentation 6:00-6:45 pm, dessert break 6:45-7:00 pm, and a Q&A from 7:00-8:00 pm.) We will have MR Kids programs for ages crib to 4th grade. Registration only requested for MR Kids portion. Please plan to join us and bring friends or neighbors who may have questions about the authenticity of the Bible!