



WE EXIST TO... GROW IN
CHRIST, LOVE LIKE CHRIST,
LIVE FOR CHRIST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Verse 2

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 3

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glorify in Thy perfect love.

Verse 4

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see our great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**SERMON: "THE CHARACTER OF JESUS'
DISCIPLES, PART I" — LUKE 6:17-26**

COMMUNION

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He arose again.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy and universal Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

OH, THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE
Hymns of Grace, 154

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS
Hymns of Grace, 164

HOW GREAT (PSALM 145)

Verse 1

I'll bless Your name, O God, each day that I awake,
From dawn to setting sun
Your greatness I'll proclaim.
Your glory far exceeds all human thought,
So with each breath I'll bless Your name, O God.

Verse 2

Your name will be revered by children yet to come,
As generations sing of wonders You have done.
Your strong and mighty deeds are always near,
O God Most High, Your name will be revered.

Chorus

How great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
How great is the Lord our God!
How great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Verse 3

Your gracious hand provides
For all who live and breathe,
Your mercy runs to find the helpless and the weak.
When we call out to You, You hear our cries,
And all our needs Your gracious hand provides.

Chorus

Verse 4

Forever without end, creation will rejoice,
When works of wicked men You finally destroy.
Your power we'll proclaim till Christ descends,
And You will reign forever without end.

Chorus

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BENEDICTION

- Giving:** If you feel led to give to the ministry of TVC, there is an offering box in the back of the sanctuary or online giving is available
- Sept 7:** Back-to-School Prayer Brunch from 830–10 AM @ TVC
- Sept 9:** CHIP Community Cares Day, to sign up for a project in our community please visit: www.chipinc.org
- Sept 10:** No fellowship breakfast
- Rooted begins... a time of teaching & learning for children in grades K–4 during the sermon
- Members' Meeting following the morning worship service
- Sept 17:** Neighborhood Cookout and Meet & Greet from 1–3 PM
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General Info:

TVC Kids: Backpacks filled with a note sheet, a coloring page, and snacks are available for children Pre-K – 5th grade. Note sheets are available for children in 5th – 8th grade.

We strive for family integrated worship & want to encourage parents to keep their children in the sanctuary or East Hall for worship. However, we understand that children can get restless & squirmy, so if you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so. There is a kid

friendly area in the downstairs Fellowship Hall, geared for children ages 0–4 years old, that can be used by families who have children that may need to get some wiggles out. Please know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

We also offer a volunteer staffed Nursery during the sermon. We are thankful & appreciate the opportunity to serve you & your children.

Gospel Growth Communities (GGCs): GGCs are just one way you can purposefully & intentionally invest in your church family as we seek to grow in Christ, love like Christ & live for Christ. If you are interested in joining a GGC, please contact one of your elders. The Reed GGC meets Sunday evenings in Nobleboro. Sorterup GGC meets Wednesday evenings in Damariscotta. The Holladay GGC meets Thursday evenings in Bristol. The Norton GGC meets Thursday evenings in Bremen.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
 2. What has God done (how do I see God's character in action)?
 3. Who am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
 4. What do I do (if I believe 1–3 how would I respond and relate to others)?
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