



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

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WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL (PSALM 103)

Verse 1

My God is slow to anger when I go astray.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
For all of my betrayals, He will not repay.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Through mercy and compassion
His great love is proved,
He covers my transgressions like the snow.
As far as east from west are all my sins removed.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Verse 2

He saved me from the pit when I had lost all hope.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
From endless springs of kindness
All His blessings flow.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Our days will fade like flowers
And are quickly spent
And like the wind, our years will come and go.
Everlasting favor is His covenant.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Verse 3

Merciful and gracious is my God to me.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
And I will tell His goodness through eternity.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Bless the Lord you angels, all you heav'nly hosts

And every living creature here below.
Praise the Father, praise the Son and Holy Ghost.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Ending

Bless the Lord you angels, all you heav'nly hosts
And every living creature here below.
Praise the Father, praise the Son and Holy Ghost.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON: "CHARACTERISTICS OF A DISCIPLE"

LUKE 17:1-10

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.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

Hymns of Grace, 343

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Hymns of Grace, 187

BE UNTO YOUR NAME

Verse 1

We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name,
Be unto Your name.

Verse 2

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name.

Chorus

(Repeat)

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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BENEDICTION

TODAY: Members’ Meeting following the morning worship service

Jan 16: Thrive, for students in 5th–12th grade, meets at the home of Richard & Chrissy Burns in Nobleboro from 630–8 PM

Jan 19: We would love to have you join us for our Fellowship Breakfast from 9–945 AM – please bring a dish to share

Read Ahead: Luke 17:11-19

General Info:

TVC Kids: We strive for family-friendly worship & want to encourage parents to keep their children in the sanctuary or East Hall for worship. To help families, backpacks filled with a note sheet, a coloring page, and snacks are available on the table in the East Hall for children Pre-K – 5th grade. Note sheets are also available for children in 5th – 8th grade.

We also offer Rooted which is a time of teaching & learning for children in grades K–4 that meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall classroom. The children who participate in Rooted will be dismissed by Pastor Phil prior to the sermon.

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

We understand that children can get restless & squirmy, so if you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so; but please know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

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. The Sorterup GGC meets Wednesday evenings in Damariscotta. The Holladay GGC meets Thursday evenings in Bristol. The Nicewonger GGC meets in the evening on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month in Warren.

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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