

Traditional Service

8:30 am

Prelude

Greystone Chapel
(Composer: Glen Sherley)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty #538

Responsive Reading

Psalm 1

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked
**Or take the path that sinners tread
or sit in the seat of scoffers,**
But their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees

planted by streams of water,

Which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

**for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the
way of the wicked will perish.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We confess, O God, that we turn to other voices than your eternal Word.
We listen so intently to them but discover they do not help us follow the
path you have for us. Forgive us for believing we can be satisfied by
anything other than your Truth, Jesus Christ. Draw us close to your voice
and help us find peace in your words. Satisfy our hearts with the
presence and power of your Holy Spirit at work in our lives.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

Glory be to the Father #961

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Passing the Peace

Minute for Ministry

Endowment Fund

Anthem

I Have Considered the Lilies
(Composer: Connie Converse)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:13-23

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

How do I know?
*The Way of Jesus: Living out the
Sermon on the Mount*

Musical Reflection

Up Above My Head
(Composer: Traditional)

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #575

Staff Commissioning

Benediction

Postlude

Joy
(Composer: Thomas Keesecker)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon
Announcements & Liturgy
Director of Music
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Praise Music
Minute for Ministry
Scripture Reader

Prayers of the People
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Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
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Elaine Holmquist (10:00)
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Contemporary Service

10:00 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

He Lives

Lord I Need You

Prayer of Confession

King of Kings

It Is Well with My Soul

Passing the Peace

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:13-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

How do I know?

The Way of Jesus: Living out the Sermon on the Mount

Closing Song

The Blessing

Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessing

Opening Discussion

What does it mean to be an authentic Christian? To what degree do right behavior or right beliefs matter for one's salvation?

Read: Matthew 7:13-23

Digging Deeper:

1. Within Christian circles, who might false prophets be? In what ways are they "ravenous wolves" who prey on others, or whose fruit includes "thorns" and "thistles"? (v. 15-16)
2. What is Jesus referring to when he says "good and bad fruit" in verses 17-19?
3. What fruits would you be known for today? (v.20)
4. In v. 21, Jesus refers to false disciples who call him "Lord," but do not do "the will of our Father in heaven." What is Jesus referring to here, what is God's will? How might this be related to "good fruit?"
5. What are modern day examples of people who say they are a Christian but are not "doers of God's will?"
6. Personally, are there areas in your life where you haven't submitted to the will of God?
7. What steps can you take to grow in obedience and devotion to Jesus that he would "know you" when you come before him?

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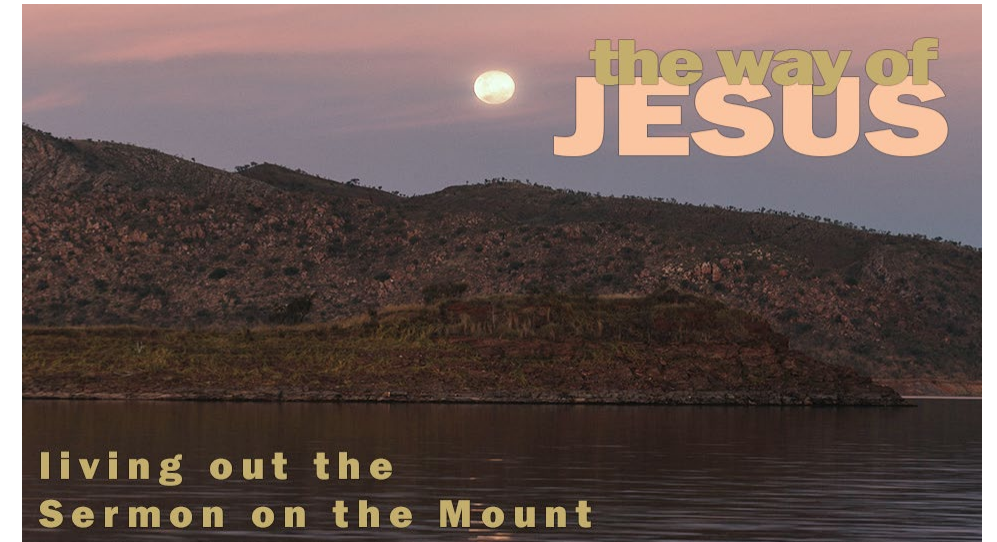
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