

# Living Water Fellowship

9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2020

COME TO JESUS

## WELCOME:

### PRAYER OF THE DAY: PSALM 27 (NLT)

*The Lord is my light & my salvation — why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, why should I tremble? When evil...come/s to devour me, when my enemies & foes attack me, they will stumble & fall. Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident.*

*The one thing I ask of the Lord — the thing I seek most — is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord's perfections & meditating in his Temple. For he will conceal me there when troubles come; he will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock. Then I will hold my head high above my enemies who surround me. At his sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy, singing & praising the Lord with music...through Jesus Christ, our Lord... Amen.*

### SONG: Come! Now is the Time to Worship

*Come, now is the time to worship.*

*Come, now is the time to give your heart.*

*Come, just as you are to worship.*

*Come, just as you are before your God. Come.*

*One day ev'ry tongue will confess you are God,*

*One day ev'ry knee will bow;*

*Still, the greatest treasure remains for those*

*who gladly choose you now.*

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## GROW IN HIS GRACE

### BIBLE READING: 1 Chronicles 16:23-31

#### FAITH CHAT:

1. When you were a child, how did your family celebrate special occasions? Any particular one you remember?
2. When was the last time you experienced worship as "awesome?" What fosters that sort of experience?
3. If you wanted to invite someone, who does not normally attend worship, to worship with you...How would you do it?

#### BIBLES

### THE MESSAGE: FAITH FORMED WORSHIP

#### PRAYERS:

(Individuals are encouraged to pray for one another in their households & to include prayers for the wider Living Water family, the Wagga Wagga community, our nation and the world's leaders in this time of isolation due to virus containment)

(Individual households may also choose to celebrate Holy Communion after the online service concludes.

Please feel free to do so. If you know the Words of Institution you simply say them as you would hear them in worship. If you aren't sure, then read aloud together Paul's recount of the celebration in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Then share the forgiveness, life and salvation Christ offers in his body and blood. The words "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you" and appropriate elements are to be used as you celebrate together.)

*Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now & forever. Amen.**

## GO IN HIS POWER

#### BLESSING:

**† \_\_\_\_\_, child of God, may your whole life  
be an offering of praise & witness to Jesus!  
Amen.**

**SONG:**           *How Firm a Foundation*

**[Verse 1]**

*How firm a foundation, you people of God,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
what more can he say than to you he has said  
to all who for refuge to Jesus have fled.*

**[Verse 2]**

*Fear not, he is with you, and be not dismayed;  
for he is your God, and will still give you aid:  
he'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by his righteous, omnipotent hand.*

**[Verse 3]**

*When through the deep waters he calls you to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not you overflow;  
for he will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.*

**[Verse 4]**

*The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose  
he will not, he cannot, desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell shall endeavour to shake,  
he never will leave, he will never forsake.*

*'K - ' (Richard Keen) in John Rippon's Selection of Hymns 1787 alt.  
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## SHOW HIS LOVE

**1 CHRONICLES 16:23-31**

Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!  
Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.  
Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.  
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.  
Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!  
He is to be feared above all gods.  
The gods of other nations are mere idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens!

Honour and majesty surround him;  
strength and joy fill his dwelling.  
O nations of the world, recognize the Lord,  
recognize that the Lord is glorious and strong.  
Give to the Lord the glory he deserves!  
Bring your offering and come into his presence.  
Worship the Lord in all his holy splendor.  
Let all the earth tremble before him.  
The world stands firm and cannot be shaken.  
Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice!  
Tell all the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

**Group Bible Study/Discussion:**

1. Read 1 Chronicles 16. What questions immediately come to mind for you?
2. How does recounting God's past goodness to you help you in the midst of a current difficulty? How does that memory of God's faithfulness encourage your faith for future struggles?
3. How does thankfulness affect your life? Where does thankfulness come from? Is "thank you" hard for you to sometimes say? Why do you think that is? What could cause someone to not be thankful? How does pride stand in the way of thankfulness?
4. In 1 Chron. 15:27-29, why is David dancing & singing in the streets? Note that his wife declares him "undignified" but he contends that his devotion & worship knows no boundaries. He holds nothing back from God. How is that attitude a proper one for worship?
5. How is David's kingship further strengthened by worship? How do you find worship a strength-giving experience? How can worship also be an opportunity for mission (to engage someone from outside the faith community with the intention of drawing them to Jesus)?
6. At the end of the psalm in 1 Chronicles 16, the whole congregation says, "Amen." What does that suggest about that song & about how worship is intended unifies the hearts of God's people? What often keeps that unity from occurring?
7. What is one misunderstanding of worship that people may live with that hinders their experience of true worship? Is that different between Christians & those who aren't? Why do you think this occurs? How can you avoid that?
8. 1 Chronicles 29 records the last chapters of David's rule & the handing over the kingship to his son Solomon. How is this final worship hymn of David's life a fitting conclusion for him? What would a final hymn for your life sound like? What verses would you write today? What verses would you hope your family & friends would write?