

# Living Water Fellowship

*Worship with Holy Communion*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021*

## COME TO JESUS

**Gathering Songs**

Lord I Need You

**Video, Welcome & Prayer:**

## GROW IN HIS GRACE

**Song:** Here is Love

**Bible Reading:** John 16:20-33

### FAITH CHAT:

**Song:** This Is How We Know

**The Message:** *LIFE PULSE: LIFE BEYOND...SUFFERING*

**The Apostle's Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,

from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers:**

**The Communion:**

*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 and forever. Amen.

*Worship video during Communion: Reckless Love (Cory Asbury)*

## GO IN HIS POWER

### The Blessings:

**(Name), † child of God,  
the Risen Christ overcomes the world in you!  
Amen.**

### Announcements:

**Song:** May The Lord Bless You Today (AT 408)

## SHOW HIS LOVE

### JOHN 16:20-33

<sup>20</sup> I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy. <sup>21</sup> It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labour. When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world. <sup>22</sup> So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy. <sup>23</sup> At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. <sup>24</sup> You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.

<sup>25</sup> "I have spoken of these matters in figures of speech, but soon I will stop speaking figuratively and will tell you plainly all about the Father. <sup>26</sup> Then you will ask in my name. I'm not saying I will ask the Father on your behalf, <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you dearly because you love me and believe that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> Yes, I came from the Father into the world, and now I will leave the world and return to the Father."

<sup>29</sup> Then his disciples said, "At last you are speaking plainly and not figuratively. <sup>30</sup> Now we understand that you know everything, and there's no need to question you. From this we believe that you came from God."

<sup>31</sup> Jesus asked, "Do you finally believe? <sup>32</sup> But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when you will be scattered, each one going his own way, leaving me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

### Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read John 16:20-33. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you hear from God as you read it a few times silently reflecting on the scene?
2. What will cause the disciples to weep/lament while the world will rejoice? How can the same event cause these two very different reactions? Are there things that take place in the world today that cause Christians to weep/lament & at the same time cause the world to rejoice? Talk about how these affect you. Note what Jesus says in Jn 14:27. Compare the two promises Jesus makes as they are evident in your experience.
3. What does Jesus say about the sorrow of the disciples? How will their sorrow change? How will this be possible? How has God turned your sorrow to joy?
4. Does our world today expect or embrace sorrow? What about Christians? Do they embrace difficulty as something God allows or even ordains for the believer? Can you say more about your thoughts here?
5. Jesus reminds us often that we are to pray to the Father asking in Jesus' name. What does it mean to ask in the name of Jesus? What prayers can we pray knowing that God will answer? For what are you currently praying & asking the Father in the name of Jesus? How confident are you in an answer? Why? What sort of answer?
6. Both Jesus & the world offer a form of peace, love, hope & joy. What is the difference between them? How are Jesus' gifts superior to what the world offers? How would you explain that to someone you know experiencing a frustrated hope, a loss of joy, a lack of peace, or a desire for love?
7. In the midst of trouble, on what encouraging truth from this passage will you rely?
8. Because of your restored relationship with the Father, what can you ask Him to give to you in Jesus' name? What grief or sorrow do you need to entrust to God anticipating his peace & comfort in return?