

Living Water Fellowship

19th Sunday in Pentecost – 16th October 2022

COME TO JESUS

SONG: *Hear Our Praises
Let Your Kingdom Come*

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: John 14:1-14

¹“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ²There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³When everything is ready, I will come get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.”

⁵“No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, & the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him & have seen him!” ⁸Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, & we will be satisfied.”

⁹Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, & yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? ¹⁰Don’t you believe that I am in the Father & the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. ¹¹Just believe that I am in the Father & the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do. ¹²“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, & even greater works, because I am going to the Father. ¹³You can ask for anything in my name, & I will do it, so the Son can bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴Yes, ask me for anything in my name, & I will do it!

CHILDREN’S TIME:

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 5:20-24

²⁰What sorrow for those who say that evil is good & good is evil,
that dark is light & light is dark, that bitter is sweet & sweet is bitter.

²¹What sorrow for those who are wise in their own eyes & think themselves so clever.

²²What sorrow for those who are heroes at drinking wine boasting about all the alcohol they can hold. ²³They take bribes to let the wicked go free, & they punish the innocent.

²⁴Therefore, just as fire licks up stubble & dry grass shrivels in the flame,
so their roots will rot & their flowers wither. For they have rejected the law of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies; they have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

FAITH CHAT:

1. Where do you see truth under assault in today's world?
2. What do you do when you see lies being passed off as truth?

THE MESSAGE: *SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE: TRUTH IN A WORLD OF RELATIVITY*

OFFERING SONG: *Ancient of Days*

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: GOOD & GRACIOUS KING (CityAlight) CCLI 384660

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God,
The Father's eternal love for you is true.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: *Living Hope*

SHOW HIS LOVE

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read John 14:1-14 & Isaiah 5:20-24. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you find most challenging? What really strikes you in these verses?
2. Why does Jesus tell His disciples to not let their hearts be troubled? What's the basis for such peaceful assured living? How does trusting in Jesus, living in a relationship with the Father through the Son, provide that sense of calm assurance?
3. How does Jesus describe His "Father's home" in this passage? How does that provide additional peace & assurance? How does his promise that there "a place" for you there with God an additional gift toward the peace of vs 1?
4. When Jesus talks about going away to prepare a place, what does He add to His promise about His return? How that will impact His followers?
5. How do these words of Jesus give you hope & provide strength & encouragement in difficult circumstances? How can you offer that same gift to someone who does not yet know the saving fulfilling love of Jesus?
6. What does Jesus say about knowing the Father? (see also Jn 17:3) Why do you think Jesus continues to emphasize this truth? What's at stake in Jesus' mission to save at the Father's direction? What's the destiny promised to all who believe?
7. The word "believe" appears in verses 10, 11, & 12. Why is believing so important? What are we to believe? What is the outcome of believing—what is to be accomplished? What do you think Jesus meant by the words "greater things" in vs 12?
8. Do you think Jesus' promises here are a "blank cheque"? Why/not? What do you think he wants us to trust of him in our praying?
9. In John's gospel, he records a number of "*I am*" declarations of Jesus. Please read through these verses & discuss how each is a specific revelation of the character & work of God:
 - I am the Bread of Life (John 6:35)
 - I am the Light of the World (John 8:12)
 - Before Abraham was, I Am (John 8:58)
 - I am the Gate for the sheep (John 10:7)
 - I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:14)
 - I am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
 - I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6)
 - I am the True Vine (John 15:1)