

Living Water Fellowship

6th Sunday after Pentecost – 9th July 2023

COME TO JESUS

OPENING SONG: Come, Now is the Time to Worship

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Exodus 11:1 – 12:14

¹ Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will strike Pharaoh & the land of Egypt with one more blow. After that, Pharaoh will let you leave this country. In fact, he will be so eager to get rid of you that he will force you all to leave. ² Tell all the Israelite men & women to ask their Egyptian neighbours for articles of silver & gold.” ³ (Now the Lord caused the Egyptians to look favourably on the people of Israel. Moses was considered a very great man in the land of Egypt, respected by Pharaoh’s officials & the Egyptian people alike.)

⁴ Moses had announced to Pharaoh, “This is what the Lord says: At midnight tonight I will pass through the heart of Egypt. ⁵ All the firstborn sons will die in every family in Egypt, from the oldest son of Pharaoh, who sits on his throne, to the oldest son of his lowliest servant girl who grinds the flour. Even the firstborn of all the livestock will die. ⁶ Then a loud wail will rise throughout the land of Egypt, a wail like no one has heard before or will ever hear again. ⁷ But among the Israelites it will be so peaceful that not even a dog will bark. Then you will know that the Lord makes a distinction between the Egyptians & the Israelites. ⁸ All the officials of Egypt will run to me & fall to the ground before me. ‘Please leave!’ they will beg. ‘Hurry! Take all your followers with you.’ Only then will I go!” Then, burning with anger, Moses left Pharaoh.

⁹ Now the Lord had told Moses earlier, “Pharaoh will not listen to you, but then I will do even more mighty miracles in the land of Egypt.” ¹⁰ Moses & Aaron performed these miracles in Pharaoh’s presence, but the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, & he wouldn’t let the Israelites leave the country.

^{12:1} While the Israelites were still in the land of Egypt, the Lord gave the following instructions to Moses & Aaron: ² “From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you. ³ Announce to the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice, one animal for each household. ⁴ If a family is too small to eat a whole animal, let them share with another family in the neighbourhood. Divide the animal according to the size of each family & how much they can eat. ⁵ The animal you select must be a one-year-old male, either a sheep or a goat, with no defects.

⁶ “Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb

or young goat at twilight. ⁷ They are to take some of the blood & smear it on the sides & top of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the animal. ⁸ That same night they must roast the meat over a fire & eat it along with bitter salad greens & bread made without yeast. ⁹ Do not eat any of the meat raw or boiled in water. The whole animal—including the head, legs, & internal organs—must be roasted over a fire. ¹⁰ Do not leave any of it until the next morning. Burn whatever is not eaten before morning.

¹¹ “These are your instructions for eating this meal: Be fully dressed, wear your sandals, & carry your walking stick in your hand. Eat the meal with urgency, for this is the Lord’s Passover. ¹² On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt & strike down every firstborn son & firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the Lord! ¹³ But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ “This is a day to remember. Each year, from generation to generation, you must celebrate it as a special festival to the Lord. This is a law for all time.

OFFERING SONG: The Promised Land (AT 114)

BIBLE READING: Exodus 12:28-36

²⁸ So the people of Israel did just as the Lord had commanded through Moses & Aaron.

²⁹ That night at midnight, the Lord struck down all the firstborn sons in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sat on his throne, to the firstborn son of the prisoner in the dungeon. Even the firstborn of their livestock were killed. ³⁰ Pharaoh & all his officials & all the people of Egypt woke up during the night, & loud wailing was heard throughout the land of Egypt. There was not a single house where someone had not died.

³¹ Pharaoh sent for Moses & Aaron during the night. “Get out!” he ordered. “Leave my people & take the rest of the Israelites with you! Go & worship the Lord as you have requested. ³² Take your flocks & herds, as you said, & be gone. Go, but bless me as you leave.” ³³ All the Egyptians urged the people of Israel to get out of the land as quickly as possible, for they thought, “We will all die!”

³⁴ The Israelites took their bread dough before yeast was added. They wrapped their kneading boards in their cloaks & carried them on their shoulders. ³⁵ The people of Israel did as Moses had instructed; they asked the Egyptians for clothing & articles of silver & gold. ³⁶ The Lord caused the Egyptians to look favourably on the Israelites, & they gave the Israelites whatever they asked for. So they stripped the Egyptians of their wealth!

THE MESSAGE: A JOURNEY OF PROMISE: PROTECTION OF THE PROMISE

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

L: *Christ gave to the church the bread of heaven, his flesh & blood, for our forgiveness, life & salvation. Paul records that gracious gift with these words:*

For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.” In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it.” For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes again.

**Lord Jesus have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
Forgive our sin so our lives reflect your grace and glory. Amen.**

Because of God’s great love for us, we have peace with God & access to God’s grace all through Jesus Christ who, while we were still sinners, died to free us from the bondage of sin.

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.

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GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God...
You are alive because of the blood of the Lamb.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: Sent out by God’s Blessing (LHS 844)

SHOW HIS LOVE