

Living Water Fellowship

Reformation Sunday

29th October 2023

COME TO JESUS

SONG: There is None Like You (P & W 637) *CCLI 384660*

WELCOME & PRAYER OF THE DAY:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: John 19:28-30

²⁸ Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, & to fulfil Scripture he said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, & held it up to his lips. ³⁰ When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head & gave up his spirit.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

SONG: May the Words (AT 518) *CCLI 384660*

BIBLE READING: Romans 5:6-11

⁶ When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time & died for us sinners. ⁷ Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. ⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ⁹ Since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. ¹⁰ For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. ¹¹ So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

FAITH CHAT:

The Reformation was first a powerful Christ-centred transformation of Martin Luther's life before it transformed the church & the culture of Luther's day.

In 2023, what is in need of that same kind of transformation...

1. In your life?
2. In the church?
3. In the wider culture or our community?

THE MESSAGE:

THREE BIG WORDS: IT IS FINISHED

OFFERING SONG:

How Deep the Father's Love (AT 635) CCLI 384660

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

The 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: O Come to the Altar (Elevation) CCLI 384660

GO IN HIS POWER

BLESSING:

**† (Name), child of God, what Christ has finished
begins anew in you every day! - Amen.**

Announcements:

SONG:

A Mighty Fortress is our God (TIS 103 or LH 195) CCLI 384660

SHOW HIS LOVE

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read John 19:28-30 & Romans 5:6-11. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you hear God say to you as you read it a few times to yourself? What do you find to be most important in the texts? Why?
2. How would you explain the necessity of Jesus' crucifixion to someone?
3. What do Jesus' words of need, desolation, & barrenness say about the depth of human sin? What do they say about the depth of God's grace? In the Old Testament, God's wrath is regularly described as a cup of wrath, a cup of staggering, a cup full of "foaming wine" from which all the "wicked of the earth" must drink. What significance & encouragement do you see in that Jesus volunteered to drink our cup?
4. Why is John so emphatic that Jesus died a real death? What is John's primary aim throughout his entire Gospel according to John 19:35 & 20:31? What are the implications on the resurrection & Christian faith if Jesus did not die a real death?
5. When Jesus dies, what is "finished"? What is just beginning?
6. Read Romans 5:1 then quickly skip down & keep reading from vs 6. How do vs 6-11 spell out Paul's initial assurance in 5:1? How is the "peace" of vs 1, different from the "peace" Paul says is ours in Philippians 4:7 & 9?
7. Romans 5:6-11 depicts the "great exchange" or our reconciliation by God to God. What does Paul say is exchanged? What is the result?
8. Paul speaks to a past, present, & future component of our salvation. Christ died for us when we were still sinners. Christ has presently given us reconciliation to God. God will one day deliver us to himself in eternal life. How does all this encourage you & foster hope in you today? How might you share that with someone else?
9. In Romans 5:6-11 Paul uses plural pronouns - we, our, us & implores us to rejoice together now in our reconciliation. What opportunities might you have among family & friends to, in practical ways, share your joy with others in God's love as shown through the gift of the gospel?
10. What does the knowledge that "there is nothing we can do to make God love us any more than He already does & there is nothing we can do to make Him love us any less" do for you? Where will you share that this week?