

**ONLINE WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR LIVESTREAM SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
***FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BAKERSFIELD, February 21, 2021 9:30 AM***

**Announcements**

*Kimmy Howell*

**Hymn: “When Morning Gilds The Skies”**

Verse 1

When morning gilds the skies  
My heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer,  
To Jesus I repair:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 2

The night becomes as day  
When from the heart we say:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The powers of darkness fear  
When this sweet chant they hear:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 3

Let all the earth around  
Ring joyous with the sound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
In heaven’s eternal bliss  
The loveliest strain is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 4

Be this, while life is mine,  
My canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this th’eternal song  
Through all the ages long:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Words: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, ca 1744; sts. 1, 2,4 trans. By Edward Caswall, 1854

St. 3 by Robert S. Bridges, 1899

Music: Joseph Barnby, 1868

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**Word of Welcome | Invocation**

*Pastor Richard*

**Psalm Reading: Psalm 25:1-10**

*Greg Perrone*

***Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)***

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer**

*Pastor Richard*

***Praise Song: “Run To The Father”***

Verse 1

I've carried a burden for too long on my own  
I wasn't created to bear it alone  
I hear Your invitation to let it all go  
I see it now I'm laying it down  
And I know that I need You

Verse 2

You saw my condition  
Had a plan from the start  
Your Son for redemption  
The price for my heart  
I don't have a context  
For that kind of love  
I don't understand  
I can't comprehend  
All I know is I need You

Chorus

I run to the Father  
I fall into grace  
I'm done with the hiding  
No reason to wait  
My heart needs (found) a surgeon

My soul needs (found) a friend  
So I'll run to the Father  
Again and again  
And again and again

Bridge

My heart has been in Your sights  
Long before my first breath  
Running into Your arms  
Is running to life from death  
I feel this rush deep in my chest  
Your mercy is calling out  
Just as I am You pull me in  
And I know I need You now

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## Praise Song: "Great I Am"

Verse 1

I wanna be close close to Your side  
So heaven is real and death is a lie  
I wanna hear voice of angels above  
Singing as one

Chorus 1

Hallelujah holy holy  
God Almighty great I Am  
Who is worthy none beside thee  
God Almighty great I Am

Verse 2

Jared Anderson

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I wanna be near near to Your heart  
Loving the world hating the dark  
I wanna see dry bone living again  
Singing as one

Bridge

The mountains shake before You  
The demons run and flee  
At the mention of Your name King of majesty  
There is no pow'r in hell or any who can stand  
Before the power and the presence of the great I  
Am  
The Great I Am

**Scripture: Joel 2:12-13, Matthew 6:2-8**

*Kimmy Howell*

## Joel 2:12-13

<sup>12</sup> “Even now,” declares the LORD,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting and weeping and mourning.”  
<sup>13</sup> Rend your heart  
and not your garments.

Return to the LORD your God,  
for he is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and abounding in love,  
and he relents from sending calamity.

## Matthew 6:2-8

<sup>2</sup> “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>7</sup> And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

<sup>5</sup> “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the

## Message: “Lent 1 - Fasting”

*Even now, declares the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning, Joel 2:12.*

Fasting: abstaining from food or drink in order to focus on prayer and seeking \_\_\_\_\_.

*So, I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes, Daniel 9:3.*

## FASTING IS EXPECTED

Read Matthew chapters 5-7; Jesus’ “Sermon on the Mount.”

Three spiritual disciplines that every follower of Christ should be practicing.:

- \_\_\_\_\_ – Matthew 6:2-4
- \_\_\_\_\_ – Matthew 6:5-13
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Matthew 6:16-18

Jesus doesn’t say “If” you fast, but “\_\_\_\_\_” you fast.

## THE RIGHT WAY TO FAST

Jesus says, *...when you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting, Matthew 6:16.*

You can fast from \_\_\_\_\_, television, or other things ... so long as it is replaced with more prayer.

A fast is not a show of piety ... fasting is action to submit to God's commands and \_\_\_\_\_.

## THE RIGHT REASON TO FAST

"I am convinced that when God's people fast with a proper \_\_\_\_\_. God will hear from heaven." Bill Bright.

In the Bible we see that fasting occurred when there was a need for a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning..." Joel 2:12.*

When prayer and fasting increase, there is an increase in \_\_\_\_\_ activity.

*While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then after fasting & praying they laid their hands on them & sent them off, Acts 13:2-3*

## THE RIGHT TIME TO FAST

Fasting is an \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer.

Our fasting is a reminder of God's grace, not a way to earn \_\_\_\_\_.

"The greatest saint in the world is not he who prays most or fasts most; it is not he who gives alms, or is most eminent for temperance, chastity or justice. It is he who is most thankful to God," William Law.

## Ministry In Music: *"How Firm A Foundation"*

*Virtual Chancel Choir*

## Offering Talk

*Greg Perrone*

## Hymn: *"Take Up Thy Cross"*

Verse 1

"Take up thy cross," the Savior said,  
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;  
Deny thyself, the world forsake,  
And humbly follow after me."

Verse 3

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,  
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;

Thy Lord for thee the cross endured,  
To save thy soul from death and hell.

Verse 4

Take up thy cross and follow Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only those who bear the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

Words: Charles W. Everest, 1833 (Mt. 16:24-25; Mk. 8:34-35; Lk. 9:23-24)

Music: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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## Benediction

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Amen, Amen, Amen! God, we praise You!  
God, we praise You!

## Participating in today's live stream service:

Dr. Richard Thompson, *Pastor*  
Andrew Irvin, *Director of Worship and Music*  
Worship Leader: Andrew Irvin  
Psalm Reader: Greg Perrone  
Scripture: Kimmy Howell  
Announcements: Kimmy Howell  
Offering: Greg Perrone  
Greeters: Jindel Santol, Sheryl Gallion  
Ushers: Gary Oldham, Joyce Perrone, Bonnie Bowles, Bonnie Casola, Tony Castro  
Safety Team: Dusty Ramey, Rick McDonald, Ray Bowles

### *Instrumentalists:*

Organ: Rebecca Spickler  
Piano: Andrew Irvin  
Guitar: Beren Canlas  
Drums: Dumisani Irvin  
Vocals: Abegail Canlas, Michael Canlas, Kathleen Schaffer

### *Tech:*

*Sound:* James Dethlefson  
*Live Stream Camera/projection:* Ed French, Lucas Metcalf

## Announcements & Information: February 21, 2021

**“The Lent Experience” For Our Small Groups.** This year we are asking all our church family to join together in a video and activity time called “The Lent Experience. **If you have not picked up your Lenten Experience Journal or have not received it in the mail please pick it up in the Narthex today or contact the office at 325-1267.**

**March 21st will be our first Blood Drive of the year.** There is a Nationwide Blood shortage at this time and local blood supplies are low. Can you give so people can live? Donors can text Duane at 661 331-8090 or e-mail him at [dspickler@bak.rr.com](mailto:dspickler@bak.rr.com). There will also be sign-up sheets at the church for the three weeks prior to the March 21 donation date.

**Having Trouble Livestreaming the Sunday Service?** We have a new service for those who have trouble livestreaming or don't have a computer or the internet. It is called “phone livestreaming” and can be accessed by calling 661-215-0840. Each service will be available for one week. You can also “opt in” to have us automatically call you when the livestreaming service begins. Call Andrew for more information, 325-1267.

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