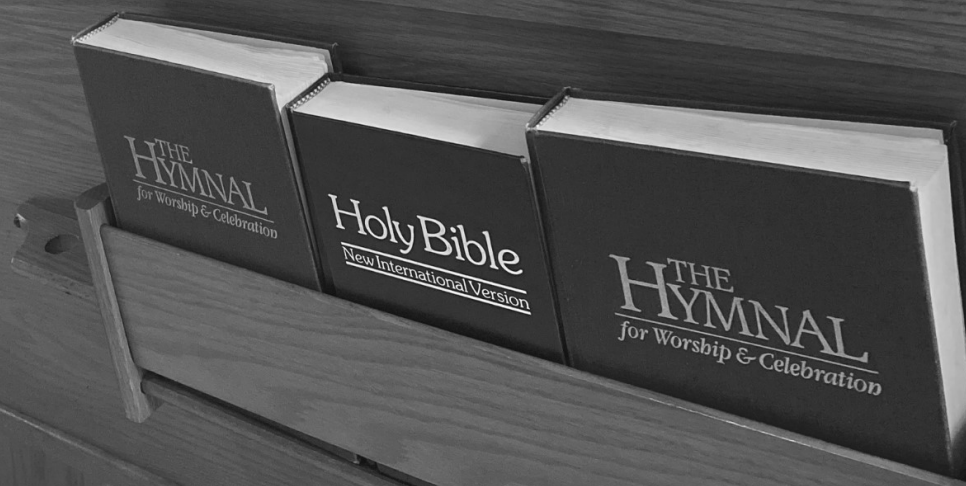


July 13, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (*they may have already noticed your new face!*) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. We also invite you to fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better. Simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



Nursery Care/Diaper Changing Stations

Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through pre-school in the first floor **Parlor area**. Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery or by scanning the QR code to the left before checking into the nursery for the first time. Diaper changing stations are located in the office of the Director of Youth and Young Adults and Parlor. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!



Children's Busy Bags are located in the gym for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child (ren) each week, please contact the church office.

Give & Take Board

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need. You just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make their week brighter!

Large Print Bulletins are available at a table in the chapel narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

Let's Connect!



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.” (Psalm 100:4)

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

“To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship.” (Inscribed on the Bells)

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

“A time of centering our thoughts on our worship of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit”

† Litany of Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-3

Leader: While at the synagogue on a Sabbath, when handed the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah, Jesus read these ancient words to the people. “The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

People: ***He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,***

Leader: and provide for those who grieve in Zion -- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

People: ***They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.”***

Leader: After reading these prophesied words, Jesus said to the people, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” We worship this same Jesus, the Messiah!

† Prayer of Invocation

† Hymns of Praise

pg. 6, “Jesus, I Come”

pg. 7, “I’d Rather Have Jesus”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Special Music

Mike McRobbie

“Living In The World”

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:46-52, Luke 19:1-10

Sermon

“The God of Miracles: Jericho”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offering

Offertory

“God Will Take Care of You”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn

pg. 8, “He Touched Me”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

pg. 9, v. 3 “Cleanse Me”

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:1-3 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion -- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

Mark 10:46-52 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." ⁵² "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Luke 19:1-10 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. ⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'" ⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

SERMON NOTES "THE GOD OF MIRACLES: JERICO"

Jericho

- ◆ The Fall of Jericho – Joshua 5:13 – 6:21
- ◆ 10 miles NW of the Dead Sea, 17 miles NE of Jerusalem, 5 miles W of the Jordan river
- ◆ Known for having a vital fresh water supply, as well as for commerce and agriculture
- ◆ Its location was favorable for traveling through the area when headed west
- ◆ In the days of Joshua, Jericho was a small city, guarding the river crossing of the Jordan
- ◆ In NT times, Jericho was the winter capital of the kingdom of Herod the Great

Mark 10:46-52

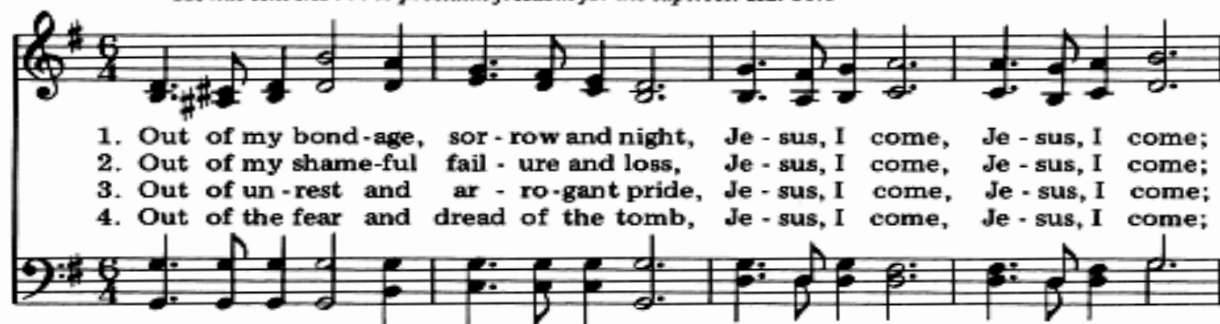
- ◆ The final healing miracle of Jesus in Mark's gospel
- ◆ A city of wealth, and where wealth existed, beggars gathered
- ◆ Matthew speaks of 2 blind men, Luke has the healing occur on the way to the city, Mark has it when leaving the city; Mark names the blind man – Bartimaeus
- ◆ A blind man begging along the road was a common sight
- ◆ Bartimaeus apparently had heard of Jesus – "Son of Dave" – messianic
- ◆ Many rebuked Bartimaeus – it's not clear why...
- ◆ Jesus did not rebuke him, but welcomed him; merciful; accepted the title
- ◆ In a drastic change of attitude, the crowd now encourage Bartimaeus
- ◆ "Rabbi, I want to see." "Your faith has healed you."

Luke 19:1-10 – Zacchaeus

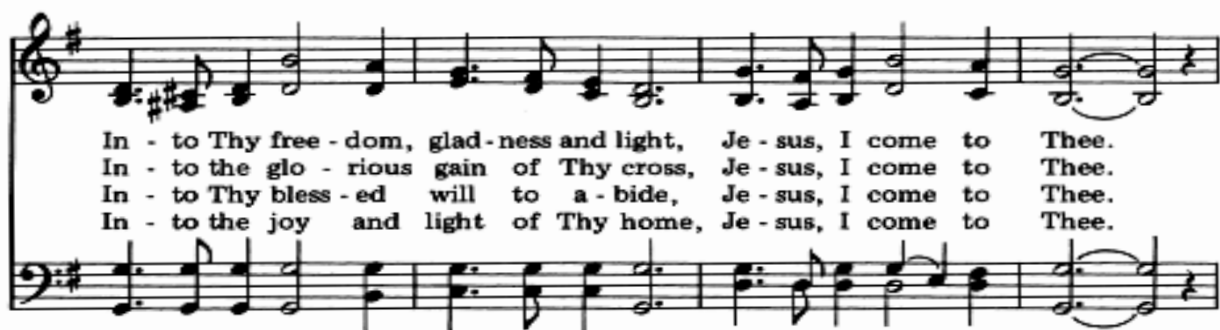
- ◆ Zacchaeus held a lucrative position as a tax collector at Jericho
- ◆ A city of wealth, with Zacchaeus likely living in a grand home
- ◆ Some believe verse 10 to be the key verse of Luke's gospel
- ◆ Tax collectors – gained wealth by extorting the people
- ◆ By his actions, Zacchaeus was ripe for the saving grace of Jesus
- ◆ Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, more importantly, Jesus wanted to see him
- ◆ "I must stay at your house today."
- ◆ "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'"
- ◆ "Today, salvation has come to this house...a son of Abraham."

336 Jesus, I Come

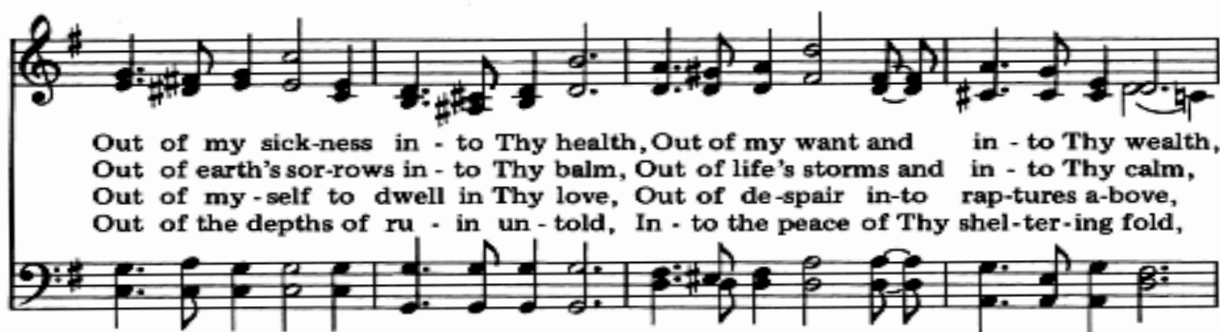
He has sent Me . . . to proclaim freedom for the captives. Isa. 61:1



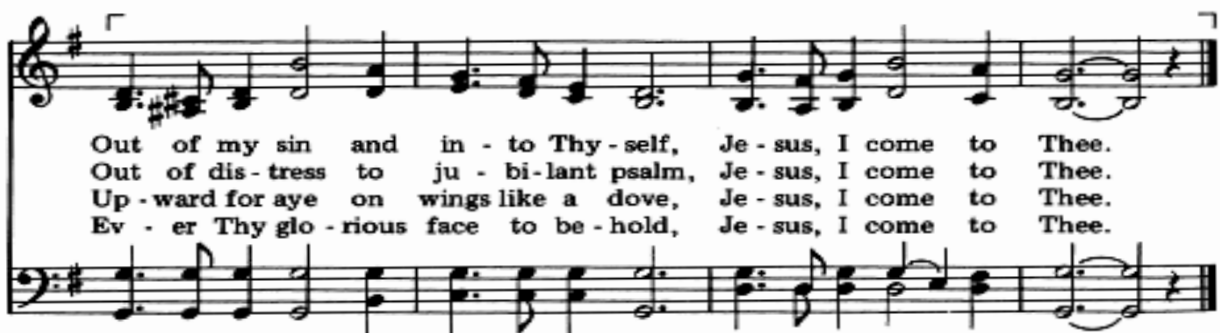
1. Out of my bond-age, sor-row and night, Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come;
 2. Out of my shame-ful fail-ure and loss, Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come;
 3. Out of un-rest and ar-ro-gant pride, Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come;
 4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come;



In-to Thy free-dom, glad-ness and light, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
 In-to the glo-rious gain of Thy cross, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
 In-to Thy bless-ed will to a-bide, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
 In-to the joy and light of Thy home, Je-sus, I come to Thee.



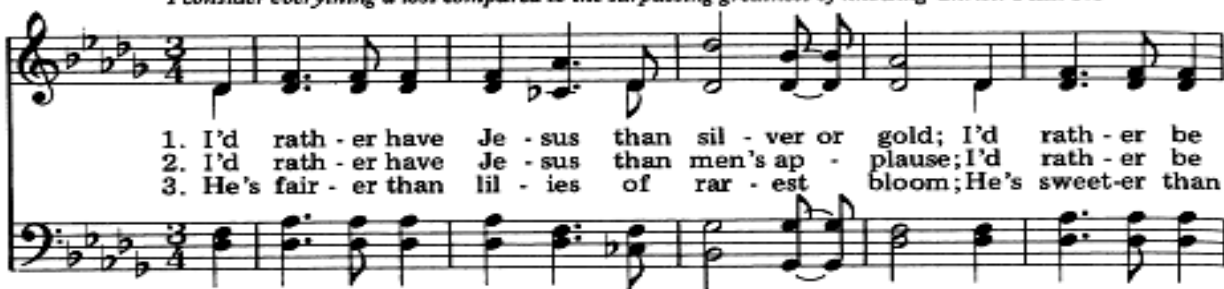
Out of my sick-ness in-to Thy health, Out of my want and in-to Thy wealth,
 Out of earth's sor-rows in-to Thy balm, Out of life's storms and in-to Thy calm,
 Out of my-self to dwell in Thy love, Out of de-spair in-to rap-tures a-bove,
 Out of the depths of ru-in un-told, In-to the peace of Thy shel-ter-ing fold,



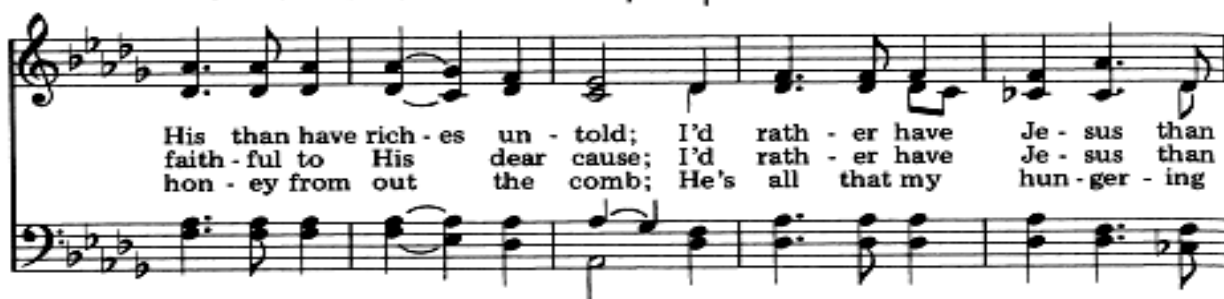
Out of my sin and in-to Thy-self, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
 Out of dis-tress to ju-bi-lant psalm, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
 Up-ward for aye on wings like a dove, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
 Ev-er Thy glo-rious face to be-hold, Je-sus, I come to Thee.

517 I'd Rather Have Jesus

I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ. Phil. 3:8

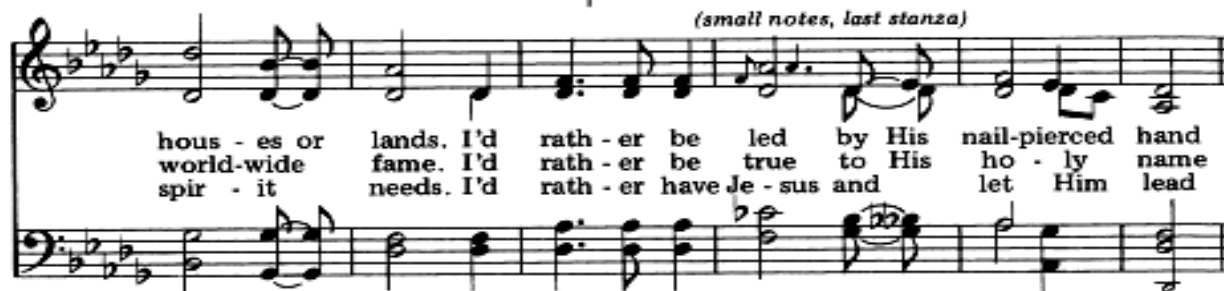


1. I'd rath - er have Je - sus than sil - ver or gold; I'd rath - er be
 2. I'd rath - er have Je - sus than men's ap - plause; I'd rath - er be
 3. He's fair - er than lil - ies of rar - est bloom; He's sweet - er than



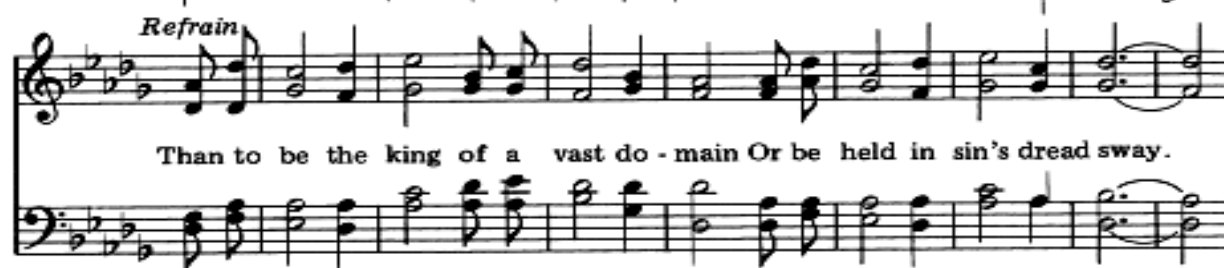
His than have rich - es un - told; I'd rath - er have Je - sus than
 faith - ful to His dear cause; I'd rath - er have Je - sus than
 hon - ey from out the comb; He's all that my hun - ger - ing

(small notes, last stanza)

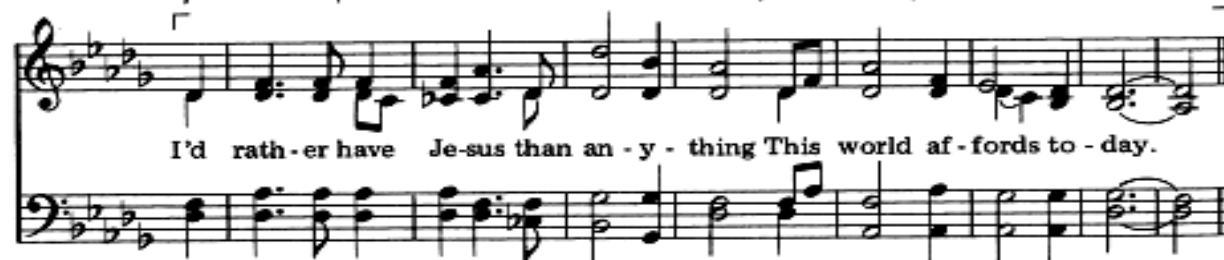


hous - es or lands. I'd rath - er be led by His nail-pierced hand
 world-wide fame. I'd rath - er be true to His ho - ly name
 spir - it needs. I'd rath - er have Je - sus and let Him lead

Refrain



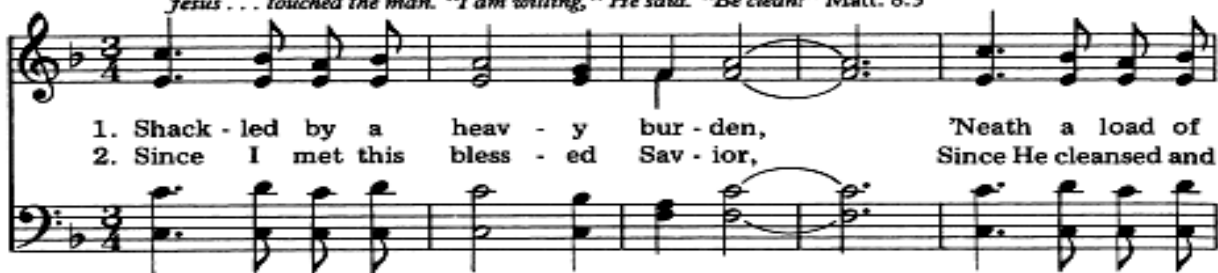
Than to be the king of a vast do - main Or be held in sin's dread sway.



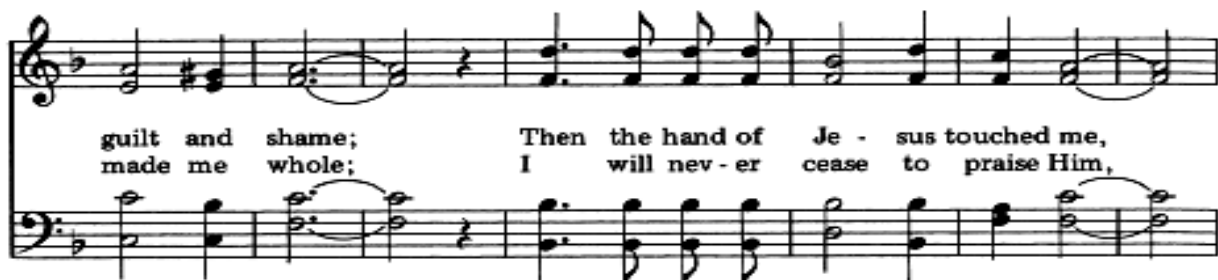
I'd rath - er have Je - sus than an - y - thing This world af - fords to - day.

504 He Touched Me

Jesus . . . touched the man. "I am willing," He said. "Be clean!" Matt. 8:3



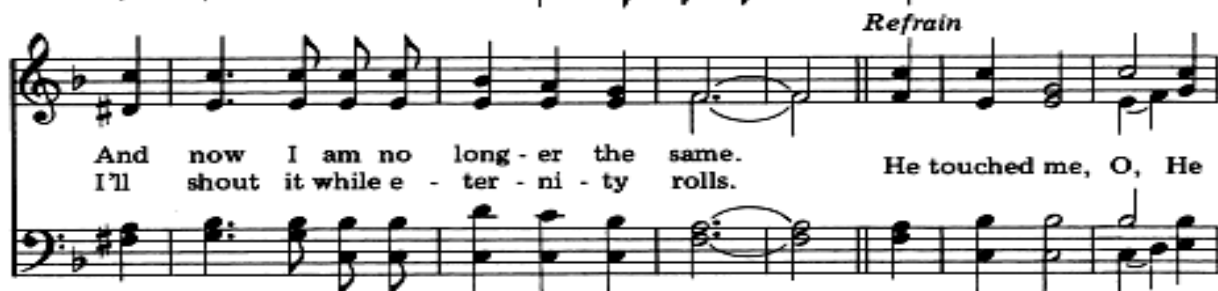
1. Shack - led by a heav - y bur - den, Neath a load of
2. Since I met this bless - ed Sav - ior, Since He cleansed and



guilt and shame;
made me whole;

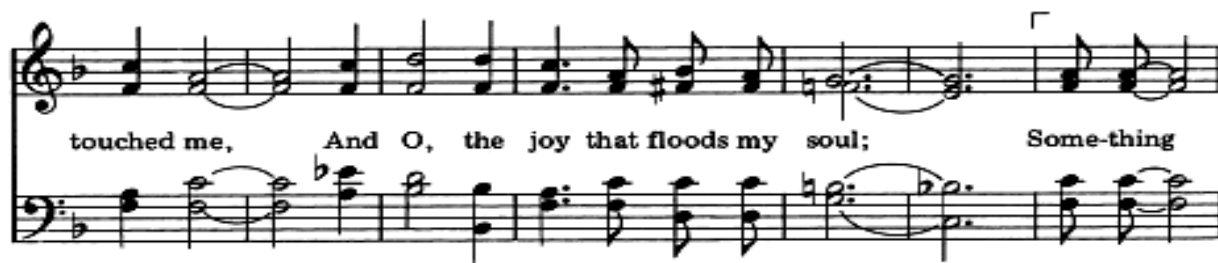
Then the hand of Je - sus touched me,
I will nev - er cease to praise Him,

Refrain

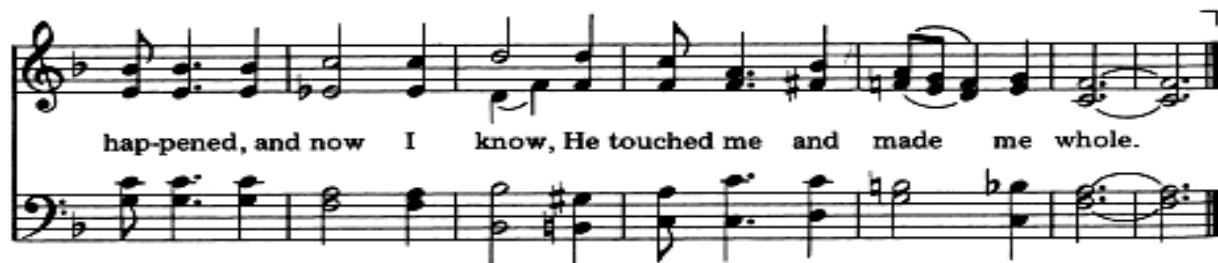


And now I am no long - er the same.
I'll shout it while e - ter - ni - ty rolls.

He touched me, O, He



touched me, And O, the joy that floods my soul; Some-thing



hap-pened, and now I know, He touched me and made me whole.

439 Cleanse Me

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Ps. 139:23



1. Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day; Try me, O
2. I praise Thee, Lord, for cleans-ing me from sin; Ful - fill Thy
3. Lord, take my life and make it whol - ly Thine; Fill my poor
4. O Ho - ly Ghost, re - viv - al comes from Thee; Send a re -



Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wick-ed
 Word and make me pure with - in. Fill me with fire where once I
 heart with Thy great love di - vine. Take all my will, my pas-sion,
 viv - al, start the work in me. Thy Word de - clares Thou wilt sup-



way in me; Cleanse me from ev - 'ry sin and set me free.
 burned with shame; Grant my de - sire to mag-ni - fy Thy name.
 self, and pride; I now sur - ren - der; Lord, in me a - bide.
 ply our need; For bless-ings now, O Lord, I hum-bly plead. A - men.



BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF JULY 10, 2025

Restrooms

- ◆ If you enter the church building by the south entrance, it is obvious that demolition of the south restrooms began this past week. All of the fixtures, partitions and counters have been removed, and the interior walls are being removed as well.

Status of Sanctuary:

- ◆ Most of the overhead pendent lights arrived and are installed. The electrician is waiting on a few more to be delivered.
- ◆ Once the pendent lights are hung and adjusted, the sanctuary floor will be cleared and cleaned in preparation for installation of the flooring that will be underneath the pews.
- ◆ The drywall at the new worship storage space has been finished, so the double doors are in the process of being installed, so the installation of the ceiling boards for over the former choir loft can be finished.
- ◆ Pew installation has been reset for the week of August 11th.
- ◆ Following pew installation, carpet will be installed in the aisles. Chancel area carpet will be installed once oak trim and ramp railings are in place.
- ◆ The new ceiling finish of the sanctuary narthex has yet to be started.

Other areas:

- ◆ Toledo Edison installed the new electric transformer on July 9th. The transformer sits on the north side of the Fireside Room.
- ◆ Creighton Electric will work this week transferring the current electric service to the new electric service, installing all new conduit and panels.
- ◆ The subcontractor will continue the various exterior step and sidewalk work, saving the south porch replacement and new ramp installation until last.
- ◆ Elevator installation is confirmed for August 13th.
- ◆ The first floor (in the preschool room) and second floor single restrooms and the two custodian rooms by the elevator will be pushed along by the contractor.
- ◆ The two boilers were delivered on July 1st so their installation and connection to the radiant floor heating pipes will soon get underway.
- ◆ Work continues on installation of HVAC ductwork, air handlers and compressors – most work in the attic is complete and now they are working in the storage area off of the youth room and in the storage area off the sanctuary balcony.

It remains the intent of the Mel Lanzer Company to complete the entire project by November.

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF JULY 10, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	196,845.26
Total Expenses	\$	205,372.80
Net Operating Balance	\$	(8,527.54)

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	87,300.65
Total Disbursements	\$	73,428.32
Net Mission Balance	\$	13,872.33

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

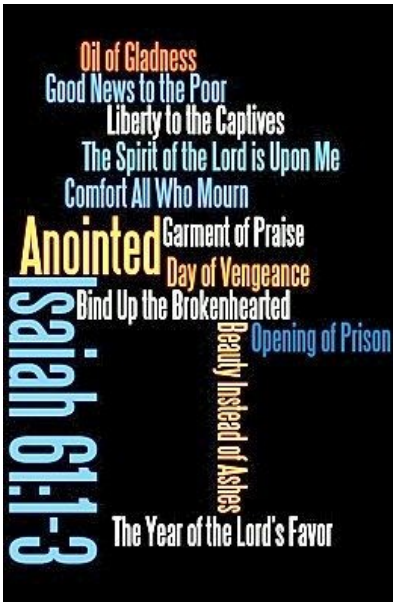
2025 Project Budget		\$	2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	1,537,756.06	
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	1,744.50	
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	166,707.34	
Expenses to Date	\$	962,624.43	
Total	\$	2,668,832.33	
Funds Still to be Raised	Currently	\$	88,167.67
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
Change from 2/2/25 to 7/2/2025		\$	108,595.33

BUILDING PROJECT THANK YOU!

The earlier list of work that church volunteers could help with has mostly been completed! **Thank you to a host of volunteers this past week!** The one remaining project is the removal of wall tile at the south drinking fountains, for which someone has volunteered to do, but is being held off for the time being.

MISSION-A-MONTH FOR JULY - SHEPHERD CIRCLE

Shepherd Circle is a local mission project started by local resident, Cecily Rohrs, in 2004. The purpose of this program is to mentor individuals or families who are good people that have made bad choices. Through this project, assistance is given and guidance is provided to help these people get back on their feet and once again become productive citizens and good stewards of their financial resources. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry. You can give by writing in Shepherd Circle on line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope or by selecting “Shepherd Circle” in the “Give to” drop-down menu in Breeze’s online giving feature.



DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- July 13 Your Kingdom Come...----- Psalm 145
- July 14 Love Building Others Up ----- 1 Corinthians 8
- July 15 The Gospel Free of Charge ----- 1 Corinthians 9:1-18
- July 16 Adaptable and Disciplined ----- 1 Corinthians 9:19-27
- July 17 Learning From Our Past ----- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- July 18 Which Side Are You On? ----- 1 Corinthians 10:14-22
- July 19 Seek the Good of Others ----- 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **LIFT (Living In Faith Together)** If you are not already committed to a Sunday School Class, come be a part of this Intergenerational one! Each session encourages a time to break bread, study God's Word, pray, and even play! Sessions run until July 20th, beginning at 9:15 in the gym. This cannot work without you! We need all generations involved!
- ♦ **Homemade Ice Cream Social - July 20th**, 11AM - 1PM at Zion Lutheran Church, 20141 County Road X, Ridgeville Corners. Hot chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, coleslaw, baked beans, cheesy potatoes, pie/cake, beverage, homemade ice cream. Free Will Donation. Carry out available.
- ♦ **GIF Gals** - Happy July GIF Gals! Hope everyone is finding a cool place to escape this "heatwave." On **July 24th** the GIF Gals are invited to Sunday's Market in Pettisville for a light luncheon, drinks and ice cream. There will be a small charge that will be split among us all. We plan to meet at Sunday's Market at **2PM**. The proprietor, "Luana Esterline," will share some of the history surrounding the Market and answer any questions you might have. In keeping with the historical context of the Market, please be aware it is **not** air conditioned. Please check your calendar, sign up on the wandering bulletin board, and come to this fun day of "warm" fellowship and Northwest Ohio history. Friends are always welcome.
- ♦ **CPC Women's Health Resource** - Project Respect's 15th Annual Golf Outing is quickly approaching. **Saturday, August 2nd**, 2025 at Ironwood Golf Course. The event will include 18 Holes of golf, cart, lunch, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and more! All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit Project Respect, a non-profit character education program of CPC Women's Health Resource. We envision a community of young people who **STAND UP** against social pressures and **STAND OUT** as people of character. We serve students in 6 counties including Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, and Williams. For more information, visit www.projectrespectnwo.org.

WEEK OF JULY 13TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
Thur	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Gym)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Song Leader	David Stuckey
Worship Leader	Carrie Yoder
Children's Message	Nancy Rupp
(10:30) Easy Worship	Tom Hines
(10:30) Sound	James Grime
(10:30) Live Stream	Ryan Christman
(8:00) Usher	Shawn Stuckey
(10:30) Head Usher	Richard Spiess
(10:30) Ushers	Paul & Joan Lovejoy, Rollin & Suzette Nafziger
Nursery Assistants	Brooke Lerma & Emily Hines

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Barbara Chapman, mother of Crissi Stuckey, who entered into home hospice on Thursday.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz as she continues treatment for blood clot issues.
- ◆ Denise and Justin Beck, grandson of Bud & Tootie, as Denise has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- ◆ Steve Russell, is covering well from prostate surgery on June 24th.
- ◆ Rylen Hunt, nine month old great-grandson of Gloria Lauber, will be having cranial surgery on July 14th as the sutures in his cranium have fused too early. Pray for him, his parents and family as they await the day of surgery, and for the surgery itself.
- ◆ Dan Martinez had knee surgery on June 24th, and has begun physical therapy.
- ◆ Braden Martinez had knee surgery on May 20th, who will begin physical therapy this week.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, continues to receive nutrition treatment and is gaining weight – which is blessed news!
- ◆ Josie Grieser, diagnosed with MS, continues to do well and continues to work every day. She goes to Cleveland Clinic every six months for scans and infusion treatment.

Care Center Residents...

- ◆ Marilyn Baron, Fulton Manor, 725 S. Shoop Ave, Wauseon 43567
- ◆ Linda Hayes, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 232, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene LaFountaine, 500 Haven Drive, Apt. 108, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Room 130, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Dencel Miller, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 166, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Josephine Short, 407 E. Lutz Road, Room 152B, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, 600 Haven Drive, Apt. 111, Archbold, 43502

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS CONTINUED:

Missions/Missionaries...

- ♦ M. – Asking for prayers during July for a homestay – staying with two local families to learn more about the culture and practice language full time. Pray that she will be a light and encouragement to both families and that this will be a great time of learning and that God will deepen her love for the people.
- ♦ The Waanders – For the many students who made decisions for Christ this summer during the Chicago Summer Mission, pray that they would put down deep roots in Christ and make strong connections to churches and Christian communities. The mission continues with the student-led portion for four more weeks. Pray for students to continue to grow and to experience more fruitfulness in ministry. Pray for students in Chicago, at Ohio State, and beyond—that God would continue to soften hearts.
- ♦ T&M – Praying for their daughter’s arthritis health issue, for a boat (ferry) project they are working on, for a group of believers to form on one of the islands where a local sister is leading, for a new team of workers serving on one of the small islands.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ♦ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ♦ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Hawaii (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ♦ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ♦ Shayne Pitts, Middle East (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)
- ♦ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

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