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Worship Service: 11:00 am

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For The Church

Spiritual Discipline: Relinquish the False Self

Each of us has a beautiful true self inside of us. It is God's gift to us. But many of us can hardly take this in. Somewhere life taught us that our true self wasn't welcome or safe or wanted. Consequently, we learned to hide our true self. In that place we constructed a false self. The false self strives to cobble together an identity from secondary things: reputation, success, status, family, jobs, health; but an identity based on these things is rooted in idols, and idols can be lost! Things that can be here today and gone tomorrow provide a precarious mooring for the soul. Our truest identity can never be something we accomplish, earn or prove on our own. It is a gift we receive from Jesus. It is not something we earn through performance; it is what we are given.

Scripture tells us that we are: chosen (John 15:16), beloved children of God (1 John 3:1), friends of Jesus (John 15:15), the temple of God (1 Cor. 3:16), God's work of art (Eph. 2:10), fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). This is our truest self. We are not defective failures. We are treasured by the Lord of the universe, and this is why we can feel good about ourselves.

The disciplines of relinquishment detach us from the idols that vie for our attention, and attach us to our true identity in Christ. When we recognize the idols that consume our energy, time and hearts, we can ask God for the grace to "let go," relinquishing our dependence on these things. God's spirit of truth longs to help us detach from the lies that shape us. The Holy Spirit bears witness to the truth of our belovedness and our "Christ-in-me identity." Pray for help in recognizing these idols in your life.

In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt
Tim Taylor
Pam Aldrich
Dennis Rosenbaum
Crystal Emery (Gloria's mom)

Enrique Lira
Linda Guthrie
Kay Kinnamon
Ryker Berens
Betty Peptone (David's Sister)

Katie Rosenbaum
Clay Mason
Miguel Devore
Carl Feril
SMC Early Session

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

There will be NO youth group tonight or Next Sunday.

Silver Maple Camp

Early Session starts today - many of our kids will be there this week.

Potluck and Graduation Celebration [Next Sunday]

Please make plans to join us following worship next Sunday for our monthly potluck fellowship meal. After the meal we will have a graduation celebration for Kolton Sizemore (with cake so we will need less desserts next week).

Save the Date:

June 7 - Kolton Sizemore Graduation recognition

June 14 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

June 28 - Community Come and Go Reception for the Emery's

July 5-July 11 - SMC 1st Session

July 12-July 18 - SMC 2nd Session

July 19-July 25 - SMC 3rd Session

August 5 and 12 - VBS

Birthdays

Tammy Like - May 31

Drexyl Like - May 31

Mason Sallee - June 6

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Richard & Shelly Brensing

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #63 - I Will Call Upon the Lord

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Orrin Feril

Shepherd's Prayer: Richard Brensing

Song: #123 - The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Song: #337 - Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Communion: Orrin Feril (Jerry Kinnamon, Darrel Bauer, Joe Cornwell)

*Song: #390 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Lesson: Tom Turner

Song: #909 - There's a Fountain Free (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: JW Like

* During the final verse of this song, children will be dismissed for Bible Hour.



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