

Sunday

10:45 am Hebrews 10:25 Group

Monday

6:00 pm Finance Committee

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

11:15 am Women's Bible Study

4:30 pm Prayer Gathering

Wednesday

10:00 am Sisters In Christ

12:00 pm Prayer Walk

5:45 pm Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm Choir

Thursday

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Giving Income: \$6,512

YTD Operating Income: \$430,828

YTD Operating Expenses: \$537,106

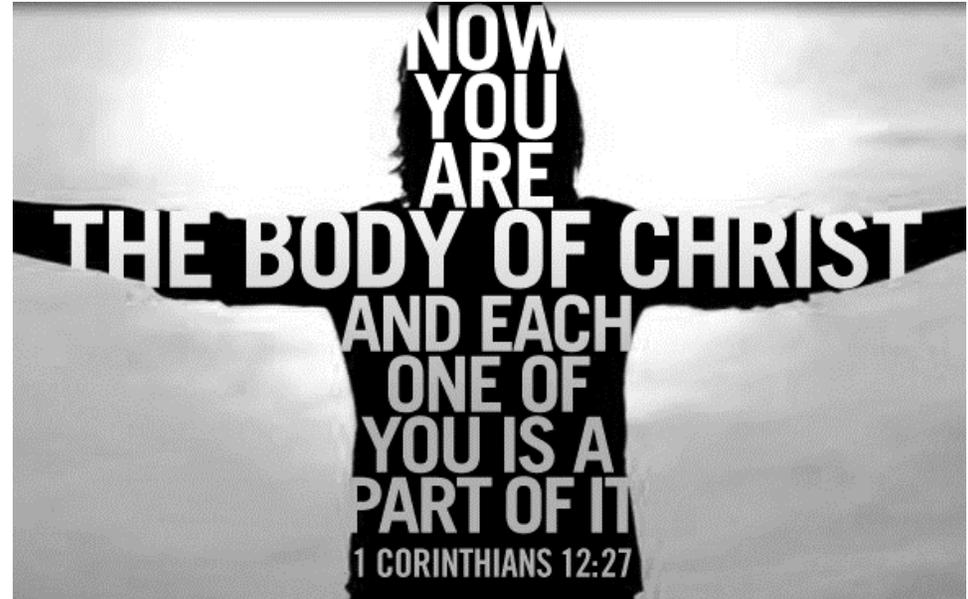
Flowers are provided today by
Gene & Brenda Pride
in memory of Brenda's mother,
Darlene Bracken.



Discussion Questions on Psalm 96

- 1.) Why is worship the cornerstone of our relationship with God?
- 2.) Have you ever considered yourself part of a long line of God's worshiping people who have been called by Him down through the millennia? What difference does that make in your desire to worship God?
- 3.) How does worship reveal what we value most?
- 4.) How do you resist the temptation to worship other gods?
- 5.) In what ways does worship give witness to our faith in Jesus Christ?
- 6.) Why is worshipping together as a community of faith so important to the health and well-being of your faith?
- 7.) What are some specific things for which you want to give God glory today? Then do it!

“A Called Community”



DECATUR *Grace*

September 12, 2021

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *I Will Joyfully Sing*

Praise and Prayer

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee UMH #89

Congregational Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Anthem *You Are Precious, Lord, to Me*

***Hymn of Preparation**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing UMH #158

Hearing and Responding

Scripture & Message

***Psalm 96**

“A Called Community: Called to Worship God”

Rev. Sig Bjorklund

Invitation to the Offering

Psalm 96:7-8

Offertory Anthem *God of Glory, Lord of Love*

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn**

Fairest Lord Jesus UMH #189

***Benediction**

Postlude

*Congregation please stand as able
Liturgist: Beth A. McLaughlin
Choir Director/Organist: Arlis DeJaynes

Sermon Notes

“A Called Community: Called to Worship God”

Psalm 96

Introduction

Worshiping the Lord is the very _____ of our relationship with Him.

Everyone worships _____ or _____.

Worship is our total _____ to what we _____ most.

How does God call His people through Psalm 96 to worship Him together?

_____ to the one true God (vv. 1-6).

_____ to the one true God His _____ (vv. 7-9).

_____ to all creation that the one true God _____ (vv. 10-13).

Our worship is anchored not in an _____, _____, _____ god, but in _____ Himself.

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

(Time for personal prayer)

Great and mighty are you, Lord God, Creator of the universe.

We worship you for who you are: King over all, majestic in power, just and righteous in all your ways.

We bless you for protecting Noah and his family from the flood that swept all creatures away. We bless you for the works of your strong arm at the Red Sea rescuing your people, Israel, from slavery.

We bless you for the work of your mercy in Jesus rescuing us from sin and death.

Like the days of the judges, the earth and the nations are in an uproar, O God.

Your people face persecution all day long.

Yet you have blessed us so richly that we live in relative ease and peace in our homes and for that too we give you thanks. Because we belong to one another around the world by the blood of Jesus, our hearts cry out to you on behalf of our brothers and sisters who suffer and struggle because of their confidence in you and their witness in this world.

Renew their strength today, Lord, grant them bold witness, and give them courage to face their fears in the power of your love and the presence of your Spirit.

Teach us the same, Lord, to walk in bold faith, in absolute confidence in your love for us and your presence with us no matter what battles rage around us. Hear our hearts cry to you on behalf of those who suffer loss in our nation from fires, floods, and storms.

Let the faithful serve selflessly among them and let the unbelieving turn to you in faith.

Though we see evidence all around that the intentions of human hearts are evil and filled with darkness, we know that you are light and in you there is no darkness at all. We come into your light to worship and adore you that we may be sent out to reflect your light and life in the darkness of this world.

Therefore, we sing your praise and testify before the nations that our God is God of gods and Lord of lords and King of kings. There is no other.

May your great name be praised we pray in the precious name of Jesus...

(The Lord's Prayer follows.)

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