

# The Journey September 22, 2024 9am

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## **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

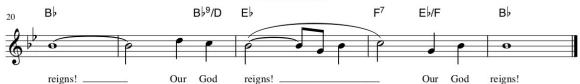
#### **GATHERING SONG**

Vs. 1, 2, 5

#### Our God Reigns







#### **OPENING SONG**

### My Redeemer Lives

Words and Music by Reuben Morgan



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#### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### FIRST READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

A reading from James.

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

GOSPEL SONG Vs. 1

#### There Is A Redeemer

Words and Music by Melody Green



#### **GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:30-37**

A reading from Mark.

- <sup>30</sup>They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.
- <sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

#### **MESSAGE**

#### **MESSAGE SONG**

#### The Summons



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#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith.

Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water.

Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all.

Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers, those most dear to us whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause)...Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty.

Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** 

#### **OFFERING**

Let us give thanks to God for our many blessings as we offer our monetary gifts for the mission and ministry of this community of faith. For those who are online, you can offer your financial support for our mission and ministries by going to our website livinglordfl.org and clicking on the give button at the top of the home page.

#### **OFFERING MUSIC**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing from "The Sacred Harp", arr. Keveren

#### SONG BEFORE THE MEAL

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in the Name of

#### This I Believe (The Creed)

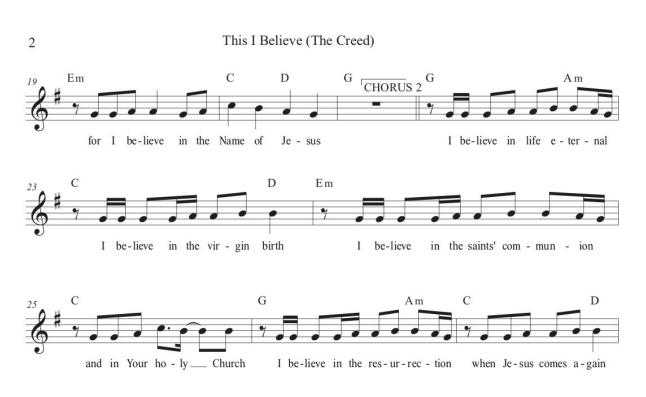


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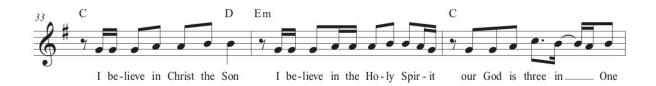
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#### THE MEAL

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### **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;
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, are yours
now and forever. Amen.

#### **MEAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Holy Communion here is just this simple: All are welcome because this is the Lord's table. It is Jesus who invites us to share in this meal. So, it doesn't matter who you are or how you are but that you simply come because God's gifts are... **C** Free

#### **MEAL SONG 1**

#### JESUS LOVES ME! 8 M7 8 M7 См7 См7 F#mi<sup>7(65)</sup> G7 0-7 FM7 A-7 US LOVES TELLS JE2 ME THIS I KNOW FOR THE BIB LE ME 20 JES - US LOVES ME HE WHO DIED HEAV -EN'S GATES TO 0 -PEN WIDE THE WAY JES - US LOVES WILL STAY HE CLOSE BE - SIDE ME ALL G7 C E-7 A-7 FM7 **E-7** 0-7 UT -TLE ONES BE-LONG THEY ARE WEAK STRONG. TO HIM BUT HE 12 WILL WASH HE WAY MY SIN, LET HIS LIT - TLE CHILD COME IN. WHEN AT LAST COME TO DIE HE WILL TAKE ME HOME ON HIGH. ٥7 0-7 G7 FM7 E-7 A-7 YES JES - US FONES WE YES JE2 US LOVES F#mi<sup>7(>5)</sup> FM7 C/G 0-7 C G7 YES JES - US **LOVES ME** THE BIB LE TELLS ME 20 1,2 8 M7 8 M7 См7 См7 FINE

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#### **MEAL SONG 2**

Lead Sheet (Key of B)

## **God Only Knows**

(based on the recording from the For King & Country album "Burn The Ships") www.praisecharts.com/71625

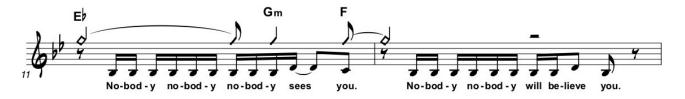
Joel Smallbone, Jordan Reynolds, Josh Kerr, Luke Smallbone, & Tedd Tjornhom







1. Wide a-wake while the world is sound a-sleep and, too a-fraid of what might show up while you're dream-in'.



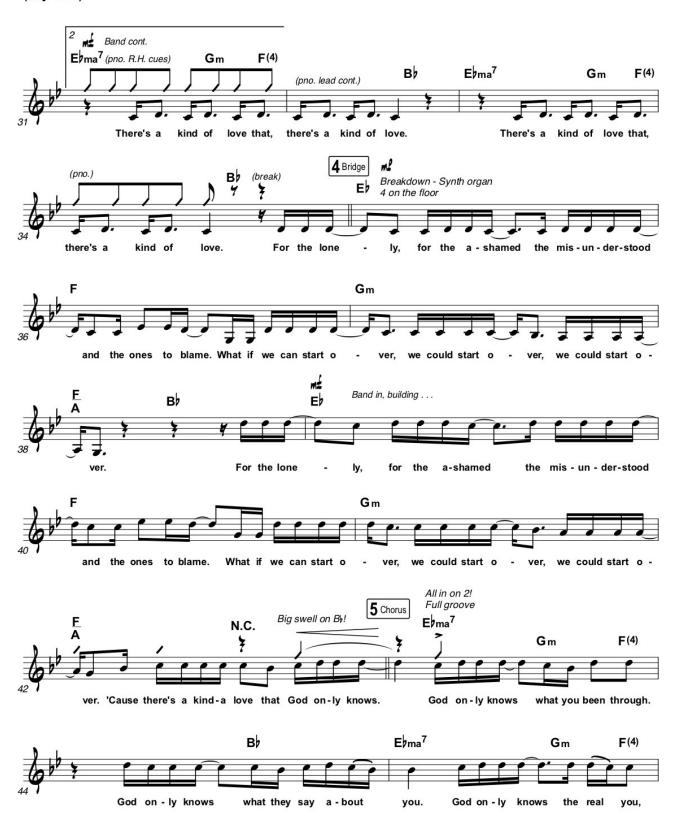






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#### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forevermore.

#### C Amen

#### **SENDING SONG**

## Sing Wherever I Go

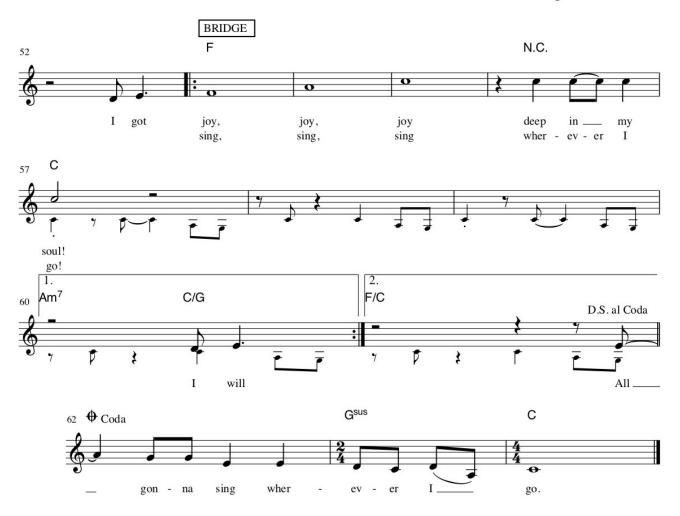
(based on the recording by We The Kingdom I original key - A)

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**The Altar Flowers** are given by George and Diana Cubberly in honor of their children and grandchildren.

**The Eternal Candle for the month of September** is given by Patty Kunkel in honor and memory of September and October birthdays.

The Altar Guild Sue Chan and Karen Hansing

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** All who have faith in the words, "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin" is really worthy and well prepared to receive this sacrament. Communion is by individual cup (wine or white grape juice and gluten free wafers are available). Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

The **Sunday bulletin** focuses on the what, when, and where of announcements and ministry opportunities for the upcoming week. Detailed information is available on our **Facebook** page, in the **Link**, which is published weekly, and in the **Voice**, our monthly newsletter, and on our **website** – <u>www.livinglordfl.org</u>. Extra copies of the **VOICE** are available in the Narthex in the mail bins on the south wall.

**Financial Support** Thank you for your continued support for our ministry and mission. Offerings can be mailed to the church or online giving with banking or credit card payments at <a href="www.livinglordfl.org">www.livinglordfl.org</a> (Give Tab).

**Attendance Pads** Please fill out the attendance register and pass it down the aisle and let us know you were here. Add your name and if you are communing place a "C" in the member or visitor column. Otherwise, simply place a checkmark ( $\sqrt{}$ ) in that column. This is a change to satisfy our constitutional requirement to maintain a record of those who have communed. Thank you for helping us with this detail.

#### **Covid-19 Guidelines Update:**

The Worship Team's current guidelines include:

- The wearing of masks is optional. Each individual should choose what is right for them.
- The use of the common cup during communion distribution is suspended until further notice.

Fully participate in the mission and ministries here at Living Lord by helping: Live Stream, Sound system, Celebration of Life, Life Group Coordinator. Contact the office if interested.

**SCRIP** after each service. An ongoing fundraiser designated towards Building Improvement. Purchase gift cards at the table. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week.

**LUNCH BUNCH** will not be meeting in September. Our next luncheon will be on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Skillets at 9722 SR 64 East. This is open to everyone who loves to eat and have a delightful conversation at the same time. Any questions call Patty Kunkel at 941-748-6669 (no texts).

**LIVING LORD TOWN HALL MEETING** TODAY at 10am. Get the latest updates from Call Committee, Building Improvement Fund and Treasurer.

GENERAL OFFERING #4010			
YEAR-TO-DATE	2024 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	
August 31, 2024	August, 31 2024	August 31, 2023	
\$215,613.95	\$257,102.99	\$254,916.00	

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** K thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade thru 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Faith Formation for teens - every Sunday from 10:05 to 10:55. Confirmation class is still being determined.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** A big thanks to all who helped make the August Ice Cream Social happen!

<u>PUB THEOLOGY</u> All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Share views about how God interacts in our everyday lives? Meet at the Beef O' Brady's, Lakewood Ranch Blvd at 6:30pm. The format is simple: beer, conversation, and God. For more information contact Doug Holst at (813) 447-9917.

**DON'T BE A VICTIM...BE SAFE** Mark your calendar for a presentation by Manatee County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Kaczmarek on Saturday, Oct 5 from 10 to 12pm called Situational Awareness Seminar. The cost to attend is an unopened bag of Halloween candy for the Sheriff's Annual Trunk or Treat. Sign up today.

#### STEWARDSHIP MEETING Wednesday, September 25th at 10am.

A NEW SEASON OF FAITH TALKS BEGINS October 14 at 10am. Our Adult Education Forum about weekly news topics, 90 minutes of scripture and facts to enlighten us. Based on <a href="https://www.thewiredword.com">https://www.thewiredword.com</a> curriculum. Fresh topics every week in Activities Hall on <a href="Mondays">Mondays</a> Come as you are, whenever you can! Questions? Call Ruth McConnell 941-751-8053

# **THE BUILDING IMPROVEMENT** - The committee wants to thank the following donors:

- 1. The family of an LLLC member has offered a gift of \$50,000.00 in restricted matching funds to continue improving our buildings. To date we have received \$10,000.00 from other various families in matching funds.
- 2. We have received \$30,000 in restricted funds for the improvement of the Activity Hall, and \$25,000 in restricted funds for new exterior signs, and a \$1,348 gift for an 85" TV from other LLLC families.

Are there other projects you would like to sponsor? Let's keep it going. However, we are unable to proceed with other necessary projects until we receive additional funding. If you and your family would like to donate to the Building Improvement Fund, please put an offering envelope in the collection plate, or contact Pastor Ed, President Rebecca Powers, Treasurer Mike Gutzler, or Bookkeeper Karen Symos.

Remember this funding is not a part of LLLC's Yearly Operating expenses. Again, thank you for your support. How blessed we are!!!

#### AN UPDATE FROM YOUR CALL COMMITTEE:

We're happy to inform you that, after approval by Council, we have officially submitted our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) to Synod! This is a major milestone, and starts the process for the Synod to provide a list of candidates for our Call.

We are awaiting any feedback from Synod prior to their approval of our MSP. Once approved, they will begin the process of reviewing available call candidates. They will contact potential candidates to see if they are interested in being considered by Living Lord. Those interested will be placed on a call list which will be provided to the Call Committee.

It will take some time for Synod to create the call list. But receipt of the call list will begin our process of reviewing and interviewing the candidates.

Meanwhile, the Call Committee's work continues. We are developing plans for hosting candidates and preparing a list of questions for the interviews.

Thank-you for your continued prayers, patience and support! Jeff Taylor, Call Committee Chairman



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