

Isaiah 55:6-9 (ESV)

⁶ “Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

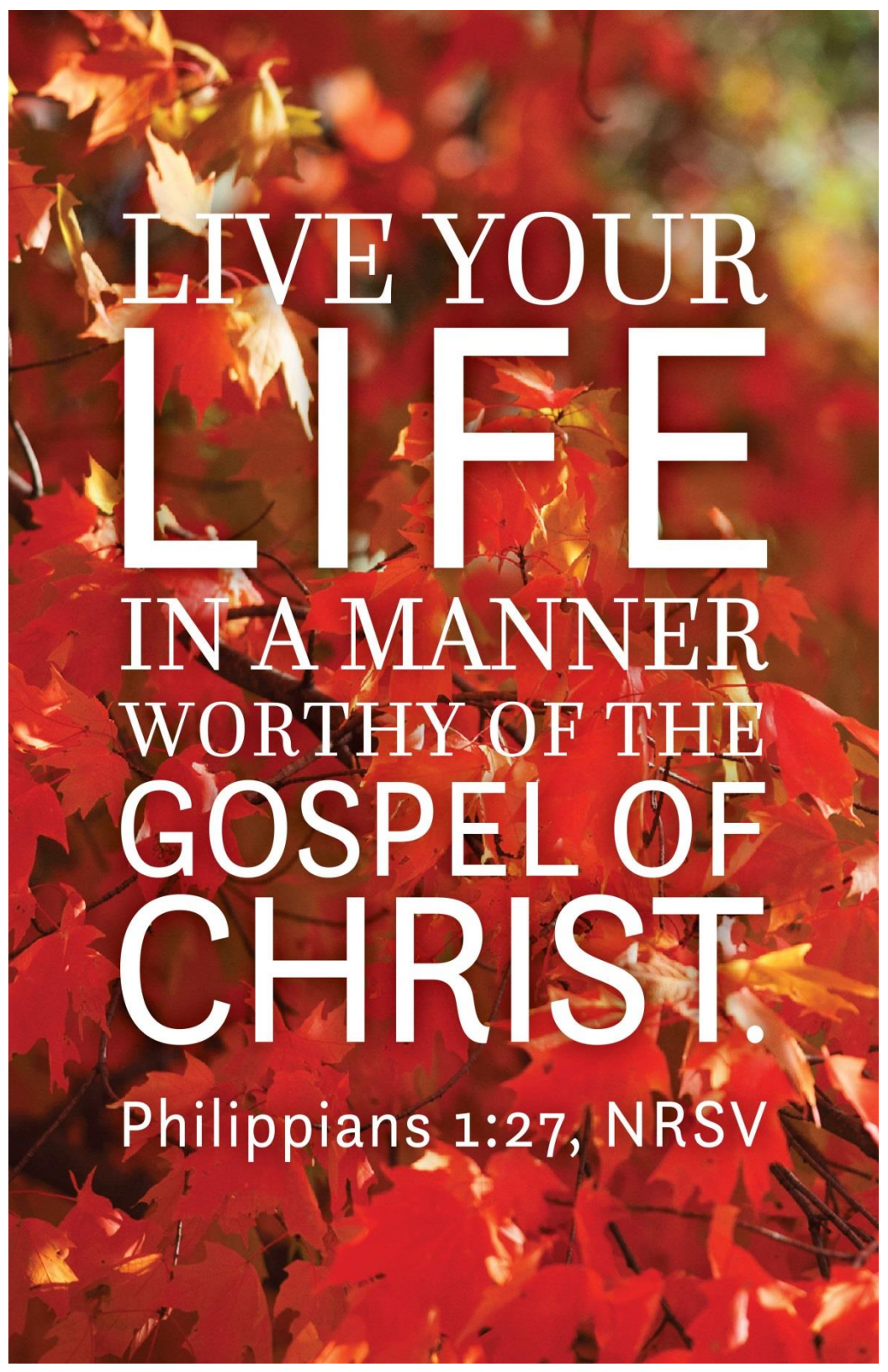
Philippians 1:12-20 (ESV)

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

Matthew 20:1-16 (ESV)

²⁰ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent

them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”



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Philippians 1:27, NRSV

September 20, 2020
16th Sunday After Pentecost

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ In the midst of a society imprisoned by injustice and ripped apart by racial tension, Jesus-followers are called and empowered to be God's prophetic voice as we speak out and live out "All That Matters." The Church has every right under our nation's law, and, more importantly, every obligation under the Lordship of Jesus Christ to speak into the political, moral, and social issues facing our United States. His people simply must speak His Word. So, how do we go about doing that as God's mouthpiece? Over the next 7 weeks we will consider the appointed readings. We will intentionally address their message from God to His people in the context of the racial tension in our nation and how God's chosen saints in Christ Jesus can think, speak, pray, and act. We will discover that we first need to respond in repentance before God for our own role in racial injustice—whether active or passive, intentional or in ignorance, whether one is black or white. We will also seek God's healing through Christ's cross and, from there, carry the message of His cross into our purposeful conversations and active engagements with people who are different from us. God bless us, and God bless America in Jesus' name!

ORDER OF SERVICE Divine Service Setting Three

OPENING HYMN "*Today Your Mercy Calls Us*" 915 vv. 1-2, 4

SERMON HYMN "*Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*" 490 v. 1

SERMON "*All That Matters*" Philippians 1:12-20

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "*Oh, How Great is Your Compassion*" 559 vv. 1-2

"*Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray*" 623 vv. 1-2

"*I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*" 729

CLOSING HYMN "*Abide With Me*" 878 vv. 1, 4

Pastor	Paul Hauser
Organist	Tami Mosher
Elders	Jack Armstrong & Fred Kruth
A/V	Paul Bohn
Ushers	Dale Rohde, Kevin Ross & Marc Pinet
Altar Guild	Troy and Michelle Beyersdorf

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 40 *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,128 ~ *Received for the Lord's Work* \$2,151, Pars. Rent \$900; God's Helping Hands \$200, Lew Krauss Memorial \$50.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Sep 21-Braden Beyersdorf, Jonell Davis, Emily Farrar, Jim Knapik, Bonnie Krape; Sep 22- Gary Frost, Cindy Thom; Sep 24- Dale Thom; Sep 26- Ellie Beyersdorf.

Today's Memory Verse ~ "Do not merely listen to the words, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22

CHARITY NAVAGATOR AWARDS ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN ITS HIGHEST RATING ~ It is good for those undertaking charitable giving to know an organization's record and financial rating. Orphan Grain Train has recently received the annual rating of Charity Navigator, the premier surveyor of charitable integrity. Orphan Grain Train is among Charity Navigator's Top Ten List and ranks #6 out of 9,000 reviewed charities which accept only private donations. We are grateful for the public transparency of Orphan Grain Train and its record which continually places OGT among the most trusted and financially accountable charities. OGT again received '4 Stars,' Charity Navigator's highest rating and a 100% Overall Score & Rating for Financial, and Accountability & Transparency. Please note 98.2% of all financial donations directly help those in need; only 1.8% is allocated to administrative or marketing costs. The Michigan branch of OGT is entirely self-supporting and all-volunteer. 100% of branch donations to Orphan Grain Train—Michigan are directed to fund the mission.