

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

CHURCH LIFE

July 16, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude: O God Our Help Rita Pittman
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jonathon Kosec

*** Call to Worship**

Pastor: I will lift your praise, my God and King, and bless your name forever.

People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever.

Pastor: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

People: Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

Pastor: Send your Holy Spirit to lighten our load and the songs of our heart.

People: For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* Hymn #422 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

* Invocation

Offering Spirit of God

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson Romans 8:1-11 Jane McKenize

Special Music. "10,000 Reasons". Cheryl Kosec
and Mark Pittman

Today's Message: "Controlled by the Spirit" Rev. Kosec

Hymn #341 "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

Prayers of the Church

The Pastoral Prayer

* Closing Hymn #676 "Go, My Children"

*** Benediction**

Postlude: Down in My Heart Rita Pittman

PRAYER REQUESTS. If you have a specific prayer request you want included in the prayers today during worship, please let Pastor Jon know before worship.

SIGN IN, PLEASE! We are blessed to have you with us today and we invite you to use the sign-up sheets on the rear table.

ROMANS 8: STUDY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. For the next three weeks we will concentrate on the activity of the Holy Spirit in our lives using Paul's Letter to the Romans.

- *Overview of the Holy Spirit's activity.*
- *Focus on the Holy Spirit's role of making us children of God.*
- *Focus on nothing being able to separate us from God's love because of the Spirit.*

FLOWER ARRANGING... If this is your interest and you'd like to help out with our Altar arrangements, please talk to Nan McCleerey or call: 941-445-3769.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! If you are looking for a church home, we hope you would consider Covenant Church of Bay Indies as the place you'd like to call home!

BIRTHDAYS:

Dallas Jensen 7/16, Judy Brown 7/18, Cheryl Kosec 7/19

ANNIVERSARY:

Jonathon & Cheryl Kosec 7/17

Head Usher: Diane Carl

Usher/Greeters:

Barb Whitman & Diane Carl

Attendance Last Week:

In-Person - 37

Scripture Reading
Romans 8: 1-11 (New Living Translation)

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ²And because you belong to him, the power^[a] of the life-giving Spirit has freed you^[b] from the power of sin that leads to death. ³The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature.^[c] So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

⁵Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. ⁶So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. ⁷For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. ⁸That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

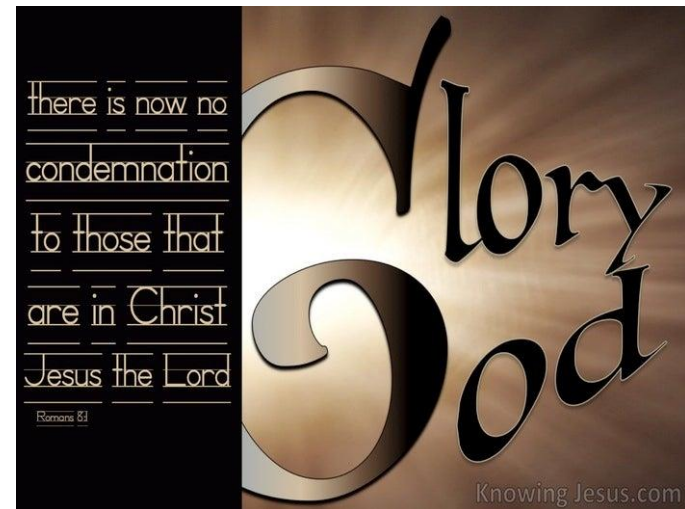
⁹But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) ¹⁰And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. ¹¹The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

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