

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 23, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude: Every Time I Feel the Spirit 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 #263 "A Hymn of Glory"

* Invocation

Offering Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson Romans 8:12-25 Diane Carl

Special Music On Bended Knee / I Worship you Jo Locke

Today's Message: "Children of God" Rev. Kosec

Hymn #195 "Shine, Jesus Shine"

Prayers of the Church

The Pastoral Prayer

* Closing Hymn #676 "Go, My Children"

*** Benediction**

Postlude: We Will Glorify Rita Pittman

* You may choose to stand or remain seated.

CHURCH LIFE

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.

Pray for Nicki Landau recovering from surgery for a broken femur.

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. Today we are in the middle of our focus 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!

LOOKING AHEAD!!!

Breakfast Buffet.....Aug.13th at Venezia Hotel

Sign-ups will begin next Sunday. Two weeks ago, 22 folks from our church attended and enjoyed small-table conversations.

BIRTHDAYS:

John Milne 7/23, Michele Bezel 7/24

Head Usher: Diane Carl

Usher/Greeters:

Barb Whitman & Diane Carl

Attendance Last Week:

In-Person - 34

Scripture Reading

Romans 8: 12-25 (New Living Translation)

²Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. ¹³For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁵So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. ¹⁷And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

¹⁸Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. ¹⁹For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. ²⁰Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, ²¹the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. ²²For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. ²⁴We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. ²⁵But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)



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