

Morning Worship

September 5, 2021, 9:30 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit
Please remember to silence your cell phones*

Worship Theme: Prophecy Fulfilled...

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements Anita Stabler-Hussey

***Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) *Psalm 146* Leader
Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

People: **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

People: **The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

People: **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

ALL: Praise the Lord!

***Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) Leader
Lord Jesus, you were "*in the beginning with God*" and yet you are still here with us today. You tell us through your word that you are "*the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,*" and so you know, and have planned, everything. Lord, grant us today a peek into your perspective. Open our minds to the reality that we worship a God that knows where we've been and knows where we're going. Remind us that we worship a God that makes promises in Scripture and keeps them. Thank you for this gift of worship today. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Living for Jesus" TFWS #2149

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Isaiah 35:3-7 (NRSV) Leader
Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Reading** Mark 7:24-37 (NRSV)
Lector: The Word of God for the People of God
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Prophecy or Promise? Pastor Chuck
YouTube Channel: <https://bitly.com/WWakeup>

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS 2193
(*Sung Twice*)

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader
Holy God we confess that we often think that we 'know it all.' The older and 'wiser' that we get the more we fall into this trap. Remind us of your words that "*unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*" Grant us the ability to have childlike wonder of you once again. Forgive us for forgetting that we once were, and forever will be, your children. Remind us that, just as you empowered the Disciples to continue your work, you call us to do the same. We ask this in Jesus' precious name. Amen

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (Please mail in your offerings)

*Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Eternal God, we once again offer our treasures and our lives back to you. While we don't know how you will use them, we know that you do. Let these treasures build up your kingdom here on earth. As the Psalmist states, "teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good Spirit lead me on a level path." Have your way, Lord, have your way. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Pastor Chuck

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Now Let Us from This Table Rise" UMH #634
(Sung Twice)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Song of Hope" TFWS #2186

Our Worship Team

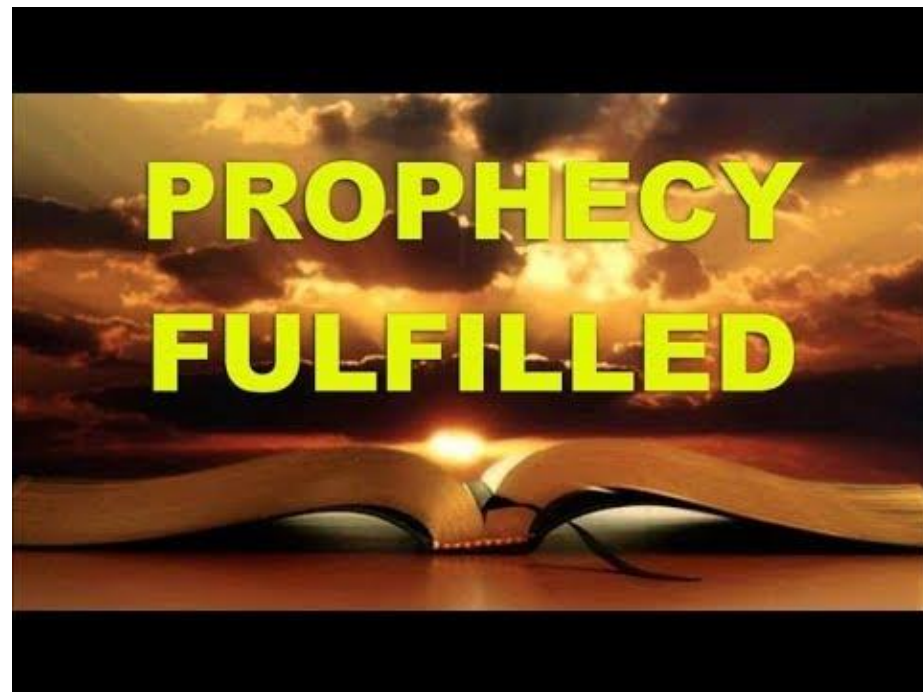
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"Growing in the Body of Christ"