



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome to Beautiful Savior!

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IN JESUS'S NAME, WE:

Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship.

Serve God's people, both within our congregation and without.

Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching.

Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.

Nehemiah - Putting Feet to Prayer

ALL SAINTS' DAY

"Overcoming Opposition"

November 7, 2021

As construction began on rebuilding Jerusalem's walls, the Jewish people's enemies plotted to attack them and destroy their work. Nehemiah learned of these plans and prayed to God for the people's protection. Nehemiah also once again put feet to his prayers when he gave the workers weapons for protection, set up a trumpet as an alert, and had the people spend the night within the city walls that were under construction.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *“Let the Saints Sing”* Selah

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please kneel as you are able during a time of silence for reflection and self-examination.)

CONFESSION

SONG OF CONFESSION *“Give Us Clean Hands”* Charlie Hall

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees;
oh Spirit, come make us humble.
We turn our eyes from evil things;
oh Lord, we cast down our idols.

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts;
let us not lift our souls to another.
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts;
let us not lift our souls to another.

And, oh God, let us be a generation that seeks,
that seeks your face, oh God of Jacob;
and, oh God, let us be a generation that seeks,
that seeks your face, oh God of Jacob.

FORGIVENESS



(Please stand as you are able.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: On this All Saints' Day, we remember, O God...

C: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.

P: We remember, O God...

C: The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

P: We remember, O God...

C: The gentle strength of grandparents, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

P: We remember, O God...

C: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.

P: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

C: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...let us worship God with joy!

GATHERING SONG

"You Are Holy"

Marc Imboden/Tammi Rhoton

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.

C: In Jesus's name, we:

Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship,

Serve God's people, both within our congregation and without,

Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching, and

Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.

(Please be seated.)

MISSION MOMENT

“Seizing the Horizon”

Shelley Beck

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

Barb Barbour

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 4:1-9

A: The first reading is from the book of Nehemiah, the fourth chapter.

Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he mocked the Jews. He said in the presence of his associates and of the army of Samaria, “What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore things? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish it in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish—and burned ones at that?” Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, “That stone wall they are building—any fox going up on it would break it down!” Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their taunt back on their own heads, and give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. Do not cover their guilt, and do not let their sin be blotted out from your sight; for they have hurled insults in the face of the builders. So we rebuilt the wall, and all the wall was joined together to half its height; for the people had a mind to work. But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and the gaps were beginning to be closed, they were very angry, and all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. So we prayed to our God, and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Nehemiah 4:15-23

A: The second reading is from the book of Nehemiah, the fourth chapter.

When our enemies heard that their plot was known to us, and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and body-armor; and the leaders posted themselves behind the whole house of Judah, who were building the wall. The burden bearers carried their loads in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and with the other held a weapon. And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. And I said to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people, “The work is great and widely spread out, and we are separated far from one another on the wall. Rally to us wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet. Our God will fight for us.” So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from break of dawn until the stars came out. I also said to the people at that time, “Let every man and his servant pass the night inside Jerusalem, so that they

may be a guard for us by night and may labor by day.” So neither I nor my brothers nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me ever took off our clothes; each kept his weapon in his right hand.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:43-48

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

“Overcoming Opposition”

(Please stand as you are able.)

SONG OF THE DAY

“Take My Life”

Scott Underwood

(Please be seated.)

PRAYERS FOR THE SAINTS

P: Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change, we thank you for the gift of life eternal. On this All Saints’ Sunday, we remember those saints, baptized into Christ and clinging to him as Lord and Savior: who were members of Beautiful Savior (*); who received Christian burial from Beautiful Savior (*); and who were near and dear to us in other respects, who have died in Christ since last All Saints’ Sunday, and who now rest from their labors. We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to you.

Zachary John Bidoczka *
Delora Lillian Brady *
Adelaine "Tess" Edith Brant *
Odis Brown
Karen Bush
Charlie Cain
Mary "Pat" Cameron
Julie Ann Caste *
Carol Compton
Gene Cowie
Dennis "Denny" Dakin *
Nancy Dakin *
Donald DeVore
Kenneth DeVore
Nancy June Ellis *
Henry "Glen" Finley *
June Atterholt Fowler
Charles "Chuck" Henry Funk *
Pastor Jill Heather
Ralph Heurman *

Eva Lassila *
Robert "Bob" Lee *
Pastor Carey Gardiner Mack
June Georgeann MacPherson *
Paschal McArthur
Robert McBean *
Leila Meacham
Janet Mignano *
Lillian "Lil" Ann Miller *
Norman G. Milley
Charles "Chuck" Conklin Newell, II *
Dr. Eugene Nissen
Keith Price
Phyllis Jean Richmond *
Tad Schroeder
Laura Grace Bohle Blide Sias *
Marti Stefani *
Jane Trinkline
Ginny Yansen
Floyd Fremont Yeager, Jr. *

P: Rest eternal grant them, O Lord;

C: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

P: We bless you for their life and love, and rejoice for them "all is well, and all manner of things will be well."

God Almighty, mindful of all those souls who have gone on ahead of us, teach us, and each twenty-first century disciple of every race and place, to follow their example to the best of our ability: to feed the poor in body or spirit, to support and comfort the mourners and the repentant, to encourage the meek and stand with them in crises, to affirm those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, to cherish and learn from the merciful, to be humbled by, and stand with, the peacemakers.

Let us clearly recognize what it means to be called the children of God, and to know we are to be your saints neither by our own inclination nor in our own strength, but simply by the call and the healing holiness of Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

STEWARDSHIP READING

Isaiah 58:10

If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

OFFERING

"For All the Saints" William H. How/Christopher Miner

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Together, let us pray:

C: Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: 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.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

What is Holy Communion?

Holy Communion is a meal instituted by Jesus Christ that involves the receiving of God's forgiveness in a tangible form – we receive Jesus's life-giving body and blood in the presence of bread and wine (or grape juice). The meal is a time of remembrance and celebration.

Who can take part?

Holy Communion is something that not one of us has earned, so we receive it as God's free gift of life. The Church traditionally recommends that people be baptized before taking part, but all that is required is simply a heart that believes in Jesus Christ. If a person of any age wishes to be baptized, please let us know.

How does Holy Communion take place?

If you wish to take part, come forward as directed by the ushers. You will receive the wafer from the Pastor and the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant. If you wish to come forward for a blessing only, please cross your arms across your chest. You may also remain seated if you so wish.

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

SUMMARY OF WORSHIP

(Please stand as you are able.)

SENDING SONG

"Victorious"

Daniel Doss/Nathan Fellingham

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: We will! Thanks be to God!

P: And next time ...

C: ... we'll invite a friend!

We thank you for worshipping with us today.

We hope to worship with you again in the near future!

***Many thanks to all those on our tech team
for making this livestream service possible.***

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The Prayer for the Saints was written by Bruce Prewer.

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HELPFUL INFORMATION

VIRTUAL WORSHIP – The 9:00 a.m. indoor worship opportunity will be livestreamed through our web site and YouTube pages. People can gather with us in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. to worship in person. People can also worship in their homes with the livestream at 9 a.m., as well as access the recording of the service any time after worship concludes. We offer a contemporary worship service at 11:15 a.m.

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Seizing NUMERICAL GROWTH



Beautiful Savior is a congregation that welcomes people from all walks of life.

Greater investment in online worship, which is reaching people on six continents and most states in our union, will continue to share the good news of Jesus with people far away and even those right next door. Half of our recent new members joined after finding us online. We are resuming our Beautiful Savior concert series that attracts many new faces who become new church friends. This will require greater funding for stewarding our instruments. We budgeted for large fellowship events that give people opportunities to gather in-person again as the subsiding pandemic permits them to do so.

An additional \$655 per week will make it possible to share Jesus's good news more effectively with those on our local and global horizons.

"Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." – Acts 2:46-47



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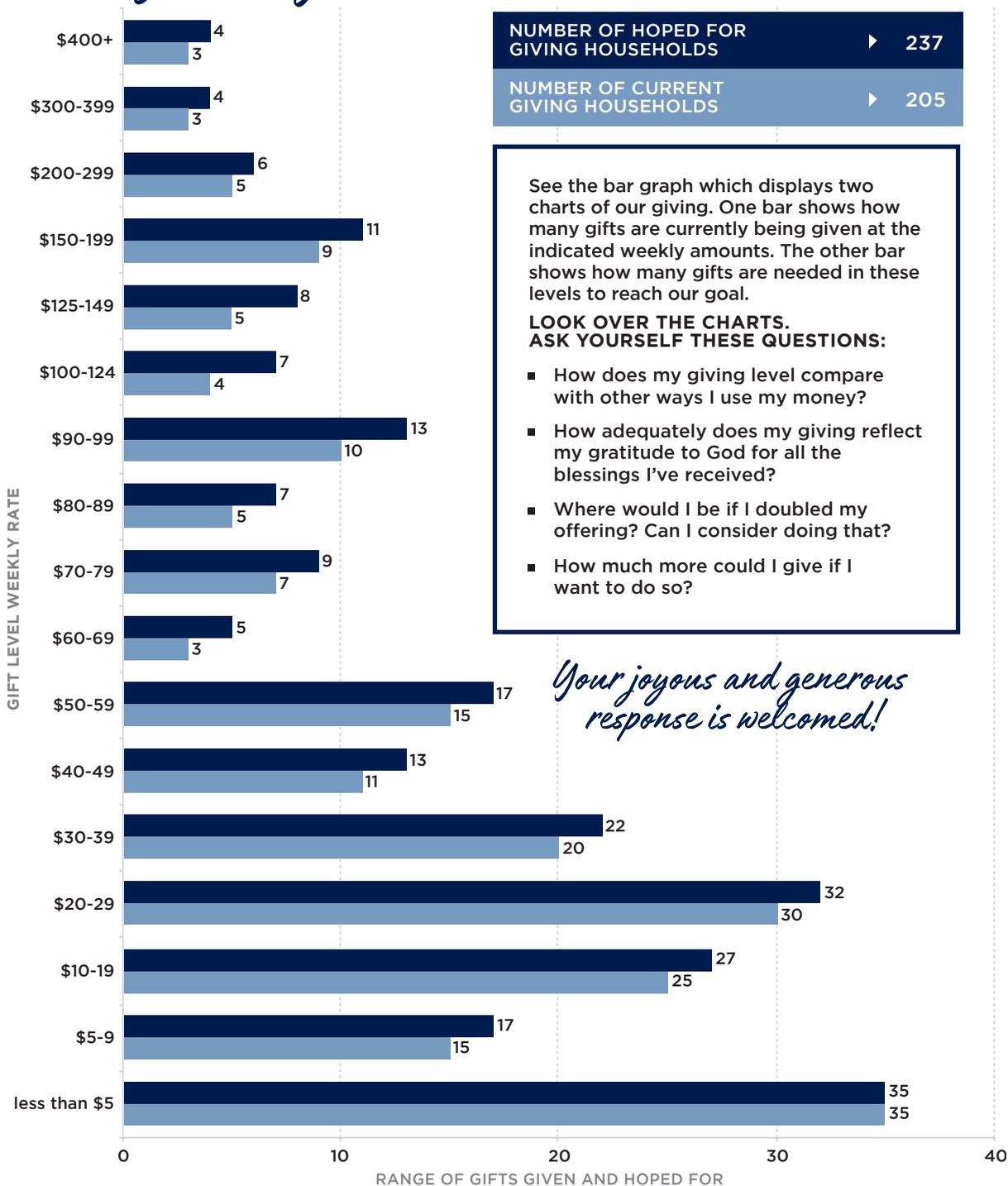
Weekly Giving

NUMBER OF HOPED FOR GIVING HOUSEHOLDS

▶ 237

NUMBER OF CURRENT GIVING HOUSEHOLDS

▶ 205



See the bar graph which displays two charts of our giving. One bar shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts. The other bar shows how many gifts are needed in these levels to reach our goal.

LOOK OVER THE CHARTS. ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS:

- How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?
- How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I've received?
- Where would I be if I doubled my offering? Can I consider doing that?
- How much more could I give if I want to do so?

Your joyous and generous response is welcomed!