

Sunday, September 10, 2023

BROOKWOOD WORSHIP

We will be formed in Christ to love like family and live on mission.

Discipleship:

A community's journey of transformation to become and to make disciples, who are Spiritempowered, apprentices to Jesus, who invite others to share in the Father's radical love.

Gathering Song

Rescuer

Words and Music by Rend Collective

Welcome to Worship / Ministry Highlights

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Song of Aspiration

As the Deer

Words and Music by Martin Nystrom

Community Prayer

Keith McLeod

Worship through Tithes & Offerings

Piano Offertory

Room at the Cross

Samantha Carter

Words and Music by Ira Stanphill

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Bobby Austin

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Spirit-Empowered Communion"

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Communion Song

I Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love

Sanctuary Choir

Words and Music by Mary McDonald

Celebration of The Lord's Supper (Communion)

A Word About Communion at Brookwood:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink the cup. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

Receiving the Elements

Prayers for Those Not Communing

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen. Prayer of Searching for Truth

Lord, Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen. **Prayer of Believing on Jesus**

Invitation Dr. Blake Dempsey

Hymn of Response

Come Unto Jesus

Words adapted from "Come Ye Disconsolate" Thomas Moore and Thomas Hastings Orginal Words and Music by Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker and Laura Story

Benediction Dr. Blake Dempsey

Postlude Sing Praise to God Melinda Dressler

Arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Today's flower arrangement is given in loving memory of Morris Greene by Dottie Greene.

BROOKWOOD DISCIPLESHIP VERSES

- 1. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

 Matthew 28:18-20
- 2. To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32
- **3.** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8
- **4.** Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it."

 Luke 9:23-24
- 5. He must become greater; I must become less.

John 3:30

- **6.** So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

 Colossians 2:6-7
- 7. A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

 John 13:34-35
- 8. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

 Matthew 5:16
- 9. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

 Matthew 11:29
- **10.** He has shown you, O mortal what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

 Micah 6:8

Kid's Worship

Today, September 10th & Sunday, September 24th 10:30am in the Chapel

The Gathering (Sunday Lunch)

Sunday, September 17th Immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall

Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, September 17th 5:00pm in the Sanctuary

Connect at the Park

Wednesday, September 20th 5:30pm at Overton Park and Liberty Park

Intergeneration Game Night

Friday, September 22nd
6:30pm-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
Ice cream competition. Bring your own dinner.

7:14 Prayer Groups Signups have started!

Signup on your church app under events or scan the QR Code in the back of the pews.

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