

**INVOCATION:**

Gracious Lord, we thank You for allowing us the privilege to come to this sacred space today to worship You. We thank You for this facility that is given for us to gather in worship and praise. We thank you for the time that is dedicated seeking Your face. We thank You for this first day of the week, given to us to draw closer to You and to each other. Whatever cares and concerns that we have brought with us this morning, we lay them at Your feet as we now focus on Your holiness. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**WELCOME:**

Welcome to Sappony. We're glad that you're here. As a reminder, we will not be passing offering plates. If you have brought your gift to the Lord, you may place it in the plate on your way out the door. We do ask that you maintain appropriate distancing as we continue the worship service this morning. Guidelines for events where singing will take place suggest ten feet of distance between participants.

HYMN # 413 Faith is the Victory

HYMN # 424 Heavenly Sunlight

HYMN # 425 He Keeps Me Singing

**PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**(IMB) Ngoni of Tanzania**

(n-GO-knee) - "In our area of Tanzania," writes a member of the Ngoni of Tanzania Team, "Christians (predominantly Catholics and some Protestants) as well as Muslims live and interact together on a daily basis, seemingly without any bias or restraint. They work together, they eat together, family units live together in apartment-style housing, and they even marry each other. The

latter is becoming a snare for young women in our Baptist churches. We learned that the young woman who was teaching the children's Sunday School at the town church (she is a baptized believer) recently married a Muslim man. She is not the first one to do this. Ask the Lord to help parents and leaders in the church to realize the seriousness of this problem and not just accept it as a cultural norm. Pray that they will take steps to teach biblical truths and intentionally disciple all the children and youth in the things of the Lord, including biblical marriage. How are Christians where you live training up their children so that when those children are older, they will not depart from that training? Do they let the school do it for them? Do they let the church or Sunday School teachers alone do it for them? Do they let their friends do it for them? 'Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it' ([Proverbs 22:6 ESV](#))."

**NAMB Missionaries:** Rick and Wendy Young (Church Planters) Watermark Church, Worthington OH (Columbus Metro). 2,246,520 people. 77.6% lost. 1 SBC church for every 15,077 people.

Katie: Awaiting word to see if she has made it to the UK.

Martha for the Homeless

Upcoming Elections

President and Mrs. Trump (COVID)

Governor and Mrs. Northam (COVID)

INTRODUCTION:

As we continue through Hebrews, today we will pick up in Chapter 9. We have seen already that Christ is the Great High Priest, and the mediator of a better covenant. Now, in chapter 9, we're going to have new covenant explained to us. As we read this, I want you to note that BLOOD IS REQUIRED FOR FORGIVENESS, CHRIST'S BLOOD WAS OFFERED AT THE HEAVENLY ALTAR, CHRIST ONLY OFFERS HIS BLOOD ONCE, CHRIST DIED AND NOW LIVES ETERNALLY, and WHEN CHRIST RETURNS, IT'S TO GATHER HIS PEOPLE.

## SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 9:1-28

### SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:

1. Blood is required (9:22): Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.
  - a. The earthly copies were purified with the blood of sacrifices.
  - b. The heavenly things had to be purified with a better sacrifice.
2. Christ's blood was not offered at an earthly altar, but a heavenly one. He appeared in the Holy of Holies bringing His shed blood as a sacrifice for *our* sins. (9:24)
3. Christ only offers His blood once. (9:25-26)
  - a. The earthly high priest had to go into the most holy place every year with blood.
  - b. Christ's shed blood, presented once, was sufficient for all sins for all times.
  - c. Your sin and my sin put Him on the cross. Why would we try to put Him back on the same cross?
  - d. (9:26) He appeared one time for the removal of sin by the sacrifice of Himself.
4. Christ died once and lives eternally. We will die once, then be judged (9:27)
  - a. He does not get to die again for your sins.
  - b. WE WILL be judged. If we have rejected Christ, we will go to hell.
  - c. If we have accepted Christ, we will be judged on our works. This is not for salvation. You can be saved without a thing to show for it. Is that how you want to spend eternity?
5. When Christ returns, it is not to remove sin. He's already come for that reason. The next time He comes it is to gather His people.
  - a. To bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.

- b. This is when He saves us from this wretched life on earth.
- 6. What does this require us to do?
  - a. Knowing all this requires us to seek to live holy lives.
  - b. What does that look like in your life?

#### GOSPEL PRESENTATION (James Merritt)

1. The bad news: We are all sinners separated from God.
  - a. Everyone sins.
  - b. God is holy and sin is a barrier between us and Him.
2. The worst news: There is nothing we can do to take care of our sin problem.
  - a. Religion?
  - b. Trying harder?
  - c. Generosity?
3. The good news: Jesus did for us what we cannot do for ourselves.
  - a. He lived a sinless life
  - b. He died for our sins.
  - c. His payment was proven at His resurrection.
4. The best news: God's forgiveness and eternal life is a free gift, and all we have to do is receive it.
  - a. Realize you are a sinner.
  - b. Repent of your sin.
  - c. Receive Christ as Lord and Savior.
5. Three questions
  - a. Do you understand what you have heard, and does it make sense to you?
  - b. Is there any reason you can give God that God would accept why you could not receive Christ into your life?
  - c. Are you willing to pray to Christ for your salvation?

I'm going to ask that everyone close your eyes and bow your head. If you have not yet prayed to receive Christ as your Lord and Savior, I will give you a chance to do that now. If you are willing, repeat after me:

**Lord Jesus, I confess today that You are Lord. I turn my life over to You to do Your will. I believe in my heart that You were born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on a cross for my sins, was buried for three days, and was raised from the dead on the third day. I confess that I am a sinner and ask Your forgiveness for my sins. I commit my life to You from this day forward. Amen!**

We will now sing a hymn of invitation, #294 Have Thine Own Way, Lord. If you prayed to accept Christ as Lord, you may come forward during this hymn, or if you're more comfortable, you can see me after the conclusion of the service.