

# The Well

SLOW · SMALL · SIMPLE · STILL  
A CONGREGATION OF CITY DISCIPLESHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COME AND ABIDE: SERVANT-MINDED

September 8th, 2024

## WHAT WE DO

Welcome to The Well Church.

Some of you are probably wondering what we are doing here, so let's answer that question first:

We like to say that we are a well-digging church. Our job is to help provide water for thirsty travellers.

For us, our well is the Christian Bible, and this well is where we find the living water, Jesus Christ himself, the living Son of God.

Every week we want to "dig in" to the Bible, and let the living water we find there become a source of healing, refreshment, and community for us all. We do this by praying together, singing together, reading together, by listening to our Father's voice, and then sharing what we have heard with one another.

If this is your first time with us, we are glad to have you along for the ride! We know it can feel a little weird to walk into a new place, so don't worry: we will not be calling special attention to you. Feel free to follow along in this worship guide. Participate as much or as little as you would like.

## TWO THINGS:

**First:** if you have a particular need you would like us to pray for, please sms/whatsapp your request to **011 7521 9450** and we will pray for it during our service. Even if you have never spoken to God before, please: don't be afraid! He is waiting to hear from you.

**Second:** worship will be followed by a 15 minute tea-break, and then a Q&A session. If anything you experience or hear today does not make sense, if you have any questions about the sermon or about Christianity in general, please ask! We will do our best to answer any questions you have.

## Refiner's Fire | GATHERING SONG

Words & Music: Brian Doerksen ©1990 Mercy / Vineyard Publishing, Vineyard Songs Canada

**Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold, pure gold**

**[Chorus]  
Refiner's fire  
My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy  
Set apart for You Lord  
I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You my Master  
Ready to do Your will**

**Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within and make me holy  
Purify my heart  
Cleansed me from my sin, deep within**

**[Chorus]**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 123:1-2

[1] To you I lift up my eyes,  
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!  
[2] Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,  
till he has mercy upon us.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

## Crown Him with Many Crowns | WORSHIP IN SONG

Words: Matthew Bridges (1851), Godfrey Thring (1874) Music: George Elvey (1868)

**Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own;  
Awake my soul and sing  
Of him who died for me  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.**

Dia nobatkanlah,  
Sang Raja Penebus;  
Bahana sorga bergema  
Memuji dia t'rus  
Hai bangun, jiwaku,  
Bernyanyilah serta,  
Memuji Jurus'lamatmu  
Kekal selamanya.

**SLOW CHURCH?  
SMALL CHURCH?  
SIMPLE CHURCH?  
STILL CHURCH?**

What does it even mean?

Well, in a pleasantly post-modern way, right back achya: what do these words mean to you? Is slow a good thing or a bad thing? What about small? What if "Simple Church" means "church for the simple-minded"? Are you in, or are you thinking maybe don't want to be associated with that? After all, what would people think!

To us, these words **Slow**, **Small**, **Simple** and **Still** represent our commitment to take our time, to ignore our world's definitions of success, to focus on relationships and all the basic things that really make life worth living, and to stay connected with those who have walked this road ahead of us. We don't want to leave people behind just because they can't keep up; we don't want to grow so big we lose track of each other's names; we don't want to get lost in the frantic; we don't want to reinvent the wheel.

**Crown him the Lord of love!  
Behold his hands and side—  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eye  
At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of Life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die!**

**Crown him the Son of God  
Before the worlds began,  
And ye who tread where he hath trod,  
Crown him the Son of Man;  
Who every grief hath known  
That wrings the human breast,  
And takes and bears them for his own  
That all in Him may rest.**

Dia nobatkanlah,  
Pengasi abadi;  
Di dalam darah lukanya  
Kasihnya berseri.  
Malaikat tercengang  
Melihat dahsyatnya  
Rahasia Allah terbentang  
Demi manusia.

Dia nobatkanlah,  
Sang Raja hidupmu;  
Sang maut dekalahkannya  
Demi selamatmu.  
Muliakan namanya,  
Yang mati dan menang,  
Memb'rikan hidup yang kekal  
Menghalau maut kejam.

Dia nobatkanlah,  
Sang Raja yang baka,  
Pencipta alam semesta  
Sempurna dan megah.  
Hormati Penebus  
Yang agung mulia;  
Sang Anakdomba yang kudus  
Terpuji s'lamanya.

**And Can it Be | WORSHIP IN SONG**

Words: Charles Wesley (1738) Music: Scott Roley ©1994 Scott Roley Music

**And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain—  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That thou, my God, should die for me?**

**[Chorus]**

**Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God should die for me!  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God should die for me!**

**He left his Father's throne above  
So free, so infinite his grace—  
Emptied himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!**

**[Chorus]**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**

**[Chorus]**

Mungkinkah aku pun serta  
Tertolong oleh darahnya?  
Akulah pangkal siksanya,  
Yang menyebabkan matinya.  
Agung benar, ya Tuhanku:  
Engkau tersiksa gantiku!

**[Reff]**

Agung benar, ya Tuhanku:  
Engkau tersiksa gantiku!  
Agung benar, ya Tuhanku:  
Engkau tersiksa gantiku!

Ditinggalkannya takhtanya  
Dan masuk dunia yang cemar;  
Ditanggalkannya kuasanya,  
Terdorong kasih yang besar  
Dan aku pun tertolonglah,  
Terpilih jadi miliknya.

**[Reff]**

Jiwaku lama menjerit,  
Dipasung dosa yang seram.  
Suryamu bagiku terbit;  
Penjaraku pun benderang.  
Terbukalah pasunganku  
'Ku bangkit dan mengikutmu.

**[Reff]**

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;  
Alive in him, my living head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Di dalam Yesus Penebus  
Hukuman dosa hilanglah.  
Kudapat hidup yang kudus,  
Jubahku kebenarannya;  
'Ku mendekat ke takhtamu  
Hendak terima tajukku.

[Chorus]  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God should die for me!  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God should die for me!

[Reff]  
Agung benar, ya Tuhanku:  
Engkau tersiksa gantiku!  
Agung benar, ya Tuhanku:  
Engkau tersiksa gantiku!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

congregation reads the bold print

Based on Phil. 2:1-11

How did Jesus Christ live as the True Servant of God?

**While Jesus Christ was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

**Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

How shall we live as servants of Christ?

**By our union with Christ, we should seek to be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind that is in Christ. We should do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. May each of us look not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others.**

## Just A Closer Walk with Thee | WORSHIP IN SONG

Words & Music: Traditional Folk Song

I am weak but Thou art strong  
Jesus keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk dear Lord, close to Thee

[Chorus]  
Just a closer walk with Thee  
Grant it Jesus is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be, dear Lord let it be

Through this world of toil and snares  
If I falter, Lord who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee dear Lord, none but Thee

[Chorus]  
When my feeble life is o'er  
Time for me will be no more  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom dear Lord, to Thy shore

[Chorus]

## TO THE PARENTS OF SMALL CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST:

RELAX! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's House!

Sit toward the front, where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on. They get bored looking at the backs of other peoples' heads. Wouldn't you?

Quietly explain the different parts of the service. Sing the songs, voice the prayers, read the responses. Children learn to worship by copying you.

If your child becomes noisy or disruptive and you feel you need to take them outside, that is okay! Just remember to come back. As Jesus once said, "let the little children come to me!"

## TO EVERYONE ELSE, MAY WE SUGGEST:

RELAX! The presence of children is a gift to our church, and they are a reminder that we all need to grow in various ways!

Please welcome our children, and give their parents a smile of encouragement, *especially* when it looks like someone under their care is having a tough time sitting still. The bible says that Jesus loved us and died for us even while we were still being deliberately, rebelliously naughty (Colossians 1:21-22). The least we can do is show a little kindness to those children who are having the same struggle.

Remember that the way we welcome children directly affects the way they respond to worship, to God, and to one another. Please let them know that they are welcome (wiggles and all) in this house of worship!

## WHY CONFESSION?

When Adam sinned, he lost his place in the garden God created for him.

Ever since, humanity has been in exile from God, from one another, from the earth itself.

Every week, we take this time to remember that because of our sins we are wanderers upon the earth, lost and often looking for we don't know what. In our desperation to survive, we often sin against others; and others often sin against us in their desperation.

So we take this time to mourn the condition of the world, and to confess the part we often play in making things worse, not better.

## REASSURANCE

Only those who are perfect can walk into God's presence and survive.

Really we ought to be terrified to enter into worship like this!

The only way we dare do this is through faith in the fact that Jesus' sacrificed blood protects us from instant incineration. Through Jesus, we are no longer orphans or refugee street-kids, living in fear of being smacked around or sold into slavery; now we are God's adopted children, perfectly loved!

And as the bible says, "there is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment" (1 John 4:18). There is no punishment left for we who have believed in Jesus' forgiveness!

## WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION

*congregation sits down and reads the bold print aloud*

Let us confess our sins:

**Our Lord, you have shown us immeasurable humility. You have served us by giving your life for us. Yet, we confess that we think too highly of ourselves. We prefer to be served and demand our rights. Often our words and actions position ourselves above others. Often our interests and ambitions are self-seeking and for self-glory. However, in the light of your glory and grace, we are but dust, sinners who deserve judgment. Grant us repentance to know ourselves rightly and to know your mercy rightly. We ask this in Christ alone by grace alone through faith alone. Amen.**

*(Take this moment to confess your sins to God in silent prayer)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Jesus, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Jesus Cast A Look On Me | SONG OF CONFESSION

Words: John Berridge Music: Matthew Perryman Jones ©MPJ Music

**Jesus cast a look on me  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low  
Seeking only Thee to know**

**All that feeds my busy pride  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet**

**Make me like a little child  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light  
Walking only in Thy might**

**Leaning on Thy loving breast  
Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God  
Flowing from his precious blood**

**In this posture let me live  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die  
And hosannas ever cry!**

**Jesus cast a look on me  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low  
Seeking only Thee to know**

[13] But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven,  
but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

[14] I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other.  
For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,  
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Our gracious God forgives you your sin, strengthens you by the Spirit,  
and will keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### All I Have is Christ | SONG OF PRAISE

Words & Music: Jordan Kauffman ©2018 Sovereign Grace Praise

**I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that you would own  
A rebel to your will  
And if you had not loved me first  
I would refuse you still**

**But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace**

[Chorus]

**Hallelujah! All I have is Christ  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life**

**Now, Lord I would be yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow your commands  
Could never come from me  
O Father use my ransomed life  
In any way you choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is you**

[Chorus]

### Take My Life (Here am I) | SONG OF PREPARATION

Words: Frances Havergal (1874) Music: Chris Tomlin ©2003 Sixsteps Music

<b>Take my life, and let it be Consecrated Lord, to thee</b>	Tuhan, ambil hidupku Dan kudasikan bagimu;
<b>Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.</b>	Pun waktuku pakailah Memujimu s'lamanya.
<b>Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of thy love</b>	Tanganku gerakkanlah, Kasihmu pendorongnya,
<b>Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.</b>	Dan jadikan langkahku Berkenan kepadamu.

**Take my voice, and let me sing  
 Always, only, for my King.  
 Take my lips, and let them be  
 Filled with messages from Thee.  
 Take my silver and my gold;  
 Not a mite would I withhold.  
 Take my intellect, and use  
 Every power as thou shalt choose.**

Buatlah suaraku  
 Hanya mangagungkanmu  
 Dan sertakan lidahku  
 Jadi saksi Injilmu.  
 Harta kekayaanku  
 Jadi alat bagimu;  
 Akal budi dan kerja,  
 Tuhan, pergunakanlah!

**[Chorus]**

**Here am I, all of me!  
 Take my life, it's all for thee!**

**Take my will, and make it thine;  
 It shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 It shall be thy royal throne.  
 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At thy feet its treasure store.  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for thee.**

Kehendakmu sajalah  
 Dalam aku terjelma;  
 Jadikanlah hatiku  
 Takhta kebesaranmu.  
 Lumpah-ruah kasihku  
 Kuserahkan padamu:  
 Diriku seutuhnya  
 Milikmu selamanya.

**[Chorus]**

**GIVING**

Generosity is one of the marks of being in true community. At one point, the bible asks, "if anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?" (1John3:17)

The tithe is an act of worship commanded by God. Traditionally, Christians give at least 1/10th of their income to their home church for the support of their pastors, for those within the congregation who are in need, and for the care of orphans, widows, and refugees.

This part of our worship is especially for those who call The Well Church their church home. Visitors, please, keep your cash! Spend it on dinner with your family.

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**ONLINE GIVING**  
 make your tithes & offering online

**Name:** City Discipleship  
 Presbyterian Church

**Bank:** Hong Leong Bank

**Account No:** 045-000-47806

**Remarks:** Please indicate "KL Tithe"  
 or "KL Offering"

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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*congregation reads the bold print*

As a church centred on the throne of Jesus Christ, every week we approach that throne boldly to ask our God for help with the daily cares of life. We speak up like children, and we go away having drunk our fill. As one of our shepherds prays for our requests, for our church, for our city and for the rulers of our nation, join with him. Add to this prayer your own cares and troubles - and your joys as well.

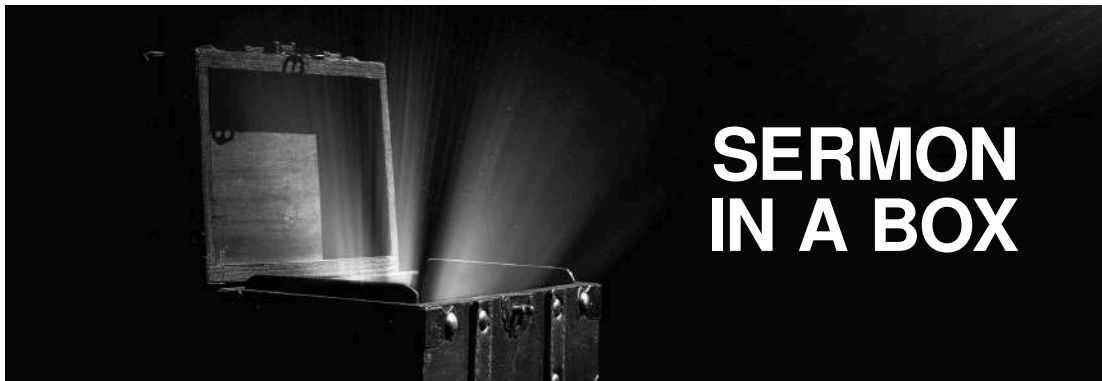
Minister: And now, as our Saviour has taught us,  
 let us pray together:

**Our Father who is in heaven, holy is your name. May your kingdom come,  
 may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.  
 For yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
 and the glory forever and ever.  
 Amen**

[12] When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? [13] You call me Teacher and LORD, and you are right, for so I am. [14] If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. [15] For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. [16] Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. [17] If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. [18] I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' [19] I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. [20] Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**



## WHY SUCH ANCIENT LITERATURE?

We may be a Slow Church, a Small Church, a Simple Church — but we are **Still a church**. We aren't trying to do anything new. Actually, we're trying to avoid doing something new! We are wanting to tap into ideas deeper, greater, wiser than ourselves, the same ideas that have shaped the People of God for over a thousand generations.

There are certain aspects of our worship we have to update, things like language, music, location, everything we need to understand and connect with what is going on. But as Marshall McLuhan warned us, "the medium is the message": every time we make even a small change in how we express these ideas, we run the risk of changing the deeper message — the message that makes us who we are.

The best way to make sure we aren't changing the subject is to go back to the source: these ancient texts; and to read them much as they have been read for millenia.

Of course, many things have changed since these documents were first written and compiled! That is why we have a sermon: so a man called by God to study the cultures, conditions, and theologies of those times can help us connect more deeply with what has been written.

Sounds pretty hard, right? But actually, making that connection is not as difficult as you might think. That's because human nature really hasn't changed all that much in the last four thousand years. So if you have experienced adultery, betrayal, theft, envy, joy, generosity, passion, love, and a sense that there just has to be more to life than this! — then we think you'll find this ancient literature just as relevant to you as it was to its original readers.

Because Christian worship is primarily a conversation between God and his people, some parts of the conversation may not make much sense to a visitor. And while our worship is not necessarily designed for non-family members, at the same time the bible tells us that we shouldn't look crazy to visitors either!

The purpose of well-organized and directed worship is so that family and visitors alike will be convinced that we are sinners, and that God is really among us (1 Corinthians 14:22-25). We have provided this worship guide so that we can all know what is going on and why.

## OK. BUT...WHY PAPER?

Why not power-point or some other media? What about saving trees?

Well, using paper is a part of our commitment to keeping things small and personal in our Small Church. Obviously we value doing things together! but we also value individuality. The problem with power-point and most other mass-media is that we are all forced to interact with exactly the same material at the same time, all at the same speed. And the truth is: some of us are faster, some slower.

So it's not that we're against technology. We just think technology ought to serve us, and not the other way around. In this case, we believe that paper gives us all a little more freedom to be ourselves.

Last, we want you to know we would love to use recycled paper — but we have not yet found a local source. If you know of one, please hook us up! In the meantime, we are hoping that what we spend in trees is being saved in un-used electricity and lithium-ion batteries.

### The People Who Serve

#### 1. What Jesus did?

#### 2. What the disciples should do?

#### 3. Where are we going to receive the power to do it?



## Take My Life (Here am I) | SONG OF RESPONSE

Words: Frances Havergal (1874) Music: Chris Tomlin ©2003 Sixsteps Music

<b>Take my life, and let it be Consecrated Lord, to thee Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of thy love Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.</b>	Tuhan, ambil hidupku Dan kuduskan bagimu; Pun waktuku pakailah Memujimu s'lamanya. Tanganku gerakkanlah, Kasihmu pendorongnya, Dan jadikan langkahku Berkenan kepadamu.
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**[Chorus]**  
**Here am I, all of me!**  
**Take my life, it's all for thee!**

<b>Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.</b>	Kehendakmu sajalah Dalam aku terjelma; Jadikanlah hatiku Takhta kebesaranmu. Lumpah-ruah kasihku Kuserahkan padamu: Diriku seutuhnya Milikmu selamanya.
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**[Chorus]**

## BENEDICTION

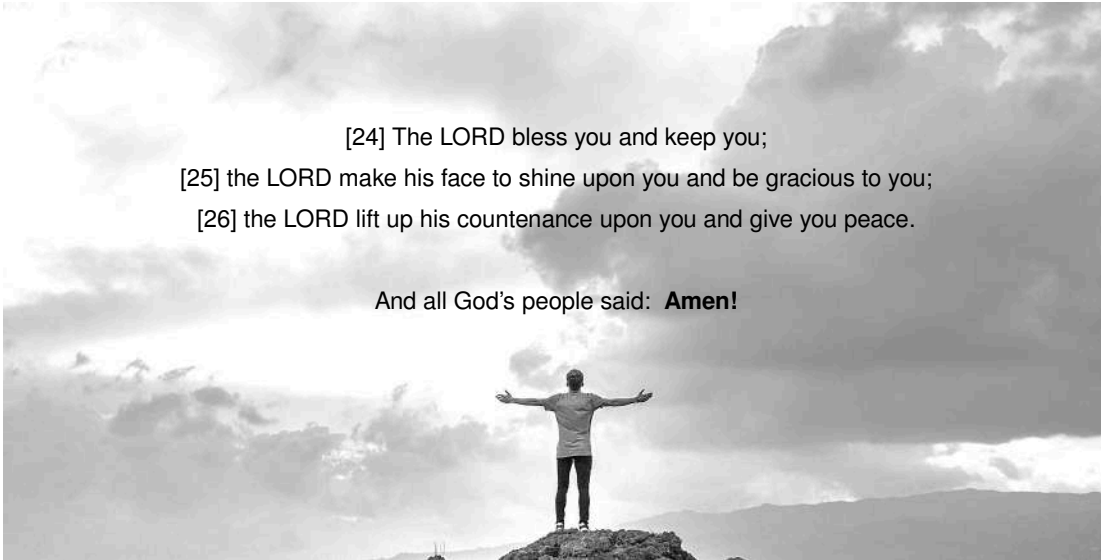
Numbers 6:24-26

[24] The LORD bless you and keep you;

[25] the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

[26] the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

And all God's people said: **Amen!**



## BLESSING

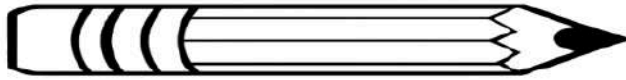
The benediction (meaning "Words of Blessing") is the close of our corporate conversation with God.

It is not actually a prayer **to** God, but actually a blessing **from** God.

Traditionally, people will turn their faces toward heaven, and will often extend open hands, palms up, in a posture of receiving.

# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



who is speaking?



words you heard but don't know...

What is the main passage we are reading today?

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:

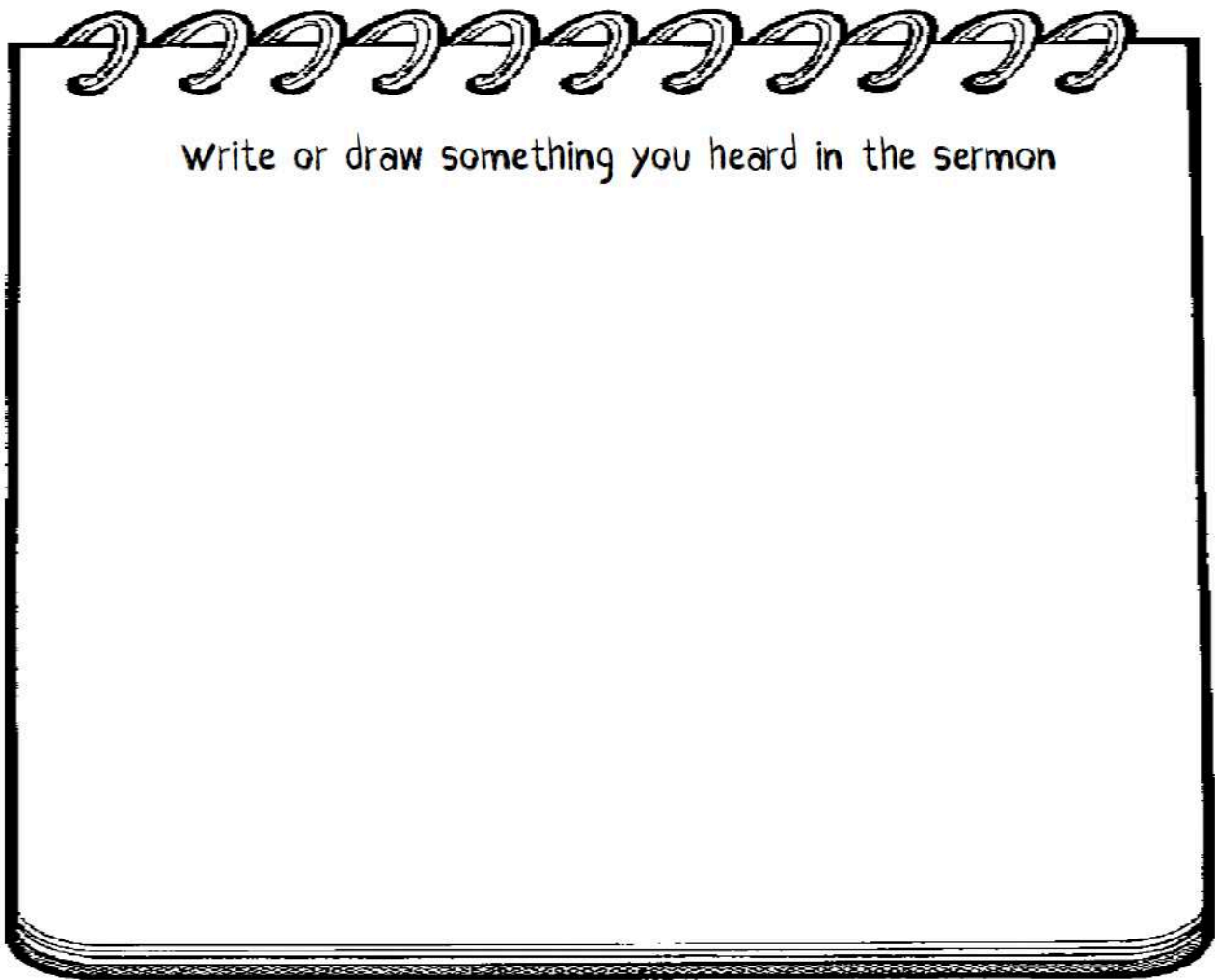
what are we learning about God from this passage?



Favorite song today was:

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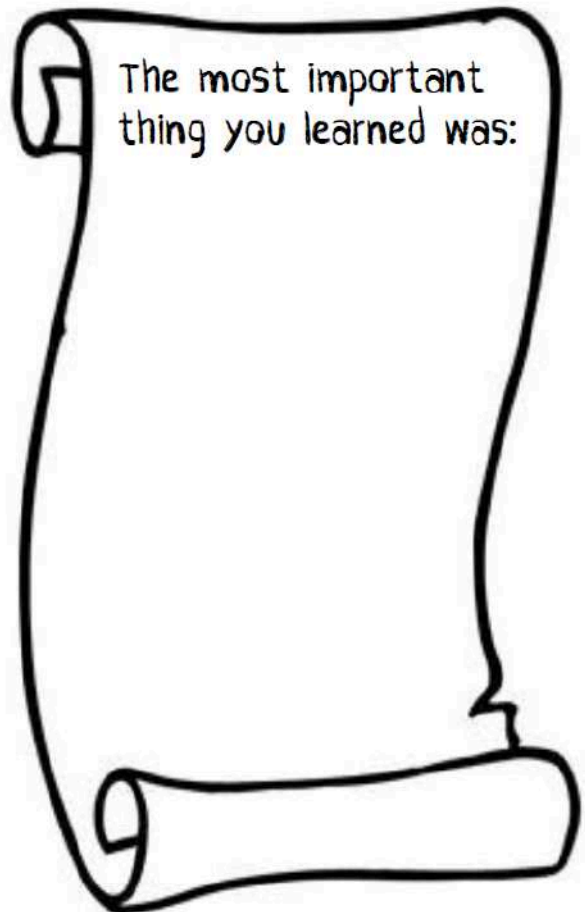
Write or draw something you heard in the sermon



Questions?



How does today's message apply to your life?



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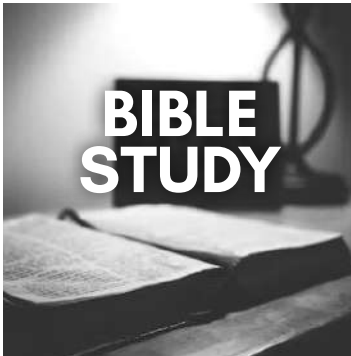
## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **TODDLER TEAM**

Come and serve God by helping our young families during the Sunday service. For more information, please contact Ps. Brian at +60 11 7521 9450.



### **BIBLE STUDY** **Tuesdays, 8pm**

Come and join us as we meet every Tuesday night to spend time studying the Bible together. We are currently studying 1 Corinthians. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Ps. Brian at +60 11 7521 9450.



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