

Praise at the Park

August 23, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC ***“For the Beauty of the Earth”*** (R. Davenport)
“Morning Has Broken” (M. Hayes)

WELCOME

Rev. Beau Underwood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carolyn Green

One: Flowers and plants, fruits and vines,
All: all testify to the glory of the Creator.
One: The beauty of the Earth is a witness to what God has done.
All: The harvest is a promise of what is yet to come.
One: Taste and see that the Lord is good!
All: Taste and see that the Lord will be good forever!

SONGS ***“You Are Good”***

Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever.
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People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation:
We worship You, hallelujah, hallelujah!
We worship You for who You are!
We worship You, hallelujah, hallelujah!
We worship You for who You are -- and You are good! *(REPEAT from beginning)*

“Goodness of God”

VERSE: I love You, Lord; oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I’ve been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.

CHORUS:

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

VERSE: I love Your voice; You have led me through the fire.
In darkest nights You are close like no other.
I’ve known You as a father. I’ve known You as a friend.
And I have lived in the goodness of God.

CHORUS:

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

BRIDGE: ‘Cause Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me.
With my life laid down, I’m surrendered now.
I give You everything
‘cause Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me.

CHORUS:

All my life You have been faithful.

All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 2:8-9

SONG ***“Graves into Gardens” (congregation joins on chorus)***

(Soloist):

I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me.

Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough.

Then You came along and put me back together

and every desire is now satisfied here in Your love.

ALL CHORUS:

Oh, there's nothing better than You.

There's nothing better than You.

Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You.

(Soloist)

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness.

May failures and flaws, Lord, You've seen them all and You still call me friend.

'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley.

There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again.

ALL CHORUS:

Oh, there's nothing better than You.

There's nothing better than You.

Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You.

(Soloist):

You turn mourning to dancing. You give beauty for ashes.

You turn shame into glory. You're the only one who can.

You turn graves into gardens. You turn bones into armies.

You turn seas into highways. You're the only one who can.

You're the only one who can.

ALL CHORUS:

Oh, there's nothing better than You.

There's nothing better than You.

Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You.

ALL:

You turn graves into gardens. You turn bones into armies.

You turn seas into highways. You're the only one who can.

You're the only one who can. You're the only one who can!

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 20:1-16

Carolyn Green, Bob and Nancy Priddy

HOMILY / PASTORAL PRAYER

SONG **“Thrive”**

VERSE:

Here in this worn and weary land where many a dream has died,
like a tree planted by the water, we never will run dry.
So, Living Water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of You.
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire:

CHORUS: Just to know You and to make You known, we lift Your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It’s time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive.

VERSE:

Into Your Word we’re digging deep to know our Father’s heart.
Into the world we’re reaching out to show them who You are.
So, Living Water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of You.
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire:

CHORUS: Just to know You and to make You known, we lift Your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It’s time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive.

BRIDGE:

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable, anything is possible.
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(REPEAT BRIDGE)

CHORUS: Just to know You and to make You known, we lift Your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It’s time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive. Oh we were made to thrive!

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BENEDICTION

SONG **“The Blessing”** (first time soloist; **second time ALL**)

VERSE:

The Lord bless you and keep you. Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you and give You peace.
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen. *(ALL REPEAT from beginning)*

(soloist) BRIDGE:

May His favor be upon you,
and a thousand generations, and your family and your children and their children.
May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you.
All around you and within you. He is with you, He is with you.
In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going.
In your weeping and rejoicing. He is for you. He is for you.

ALL: Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

POSTLUDE ***"Forever"*** (L. Larson)

With thanks to –

Vocals: Curtis Sudduth, Liz Graham	Sound: Jeff Huedepohl
Guitar: Dave Jordan, Jim Wells	Livestream: Stephanie Bell
Bass: Hunter O'Donnell	Facebook: Alexis Engelbrecht-Villafane
Drums: Dana Johnson	

STAY CONNECTED WITH FCCJCMO

Sunday, August 23 at 7:00pm Youth Meeting on Zoom

Sunday August 30 at 9:00am Worship at Riverside Park Pavilion, 1425 Riverside Dr

ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays, 11:00am to 4pm Food Pantry at FCC Family Life Center; volunteers welcome!

Thursdays at 10:15am Prayer Call freeconferencecall.com

Share joys and concerns and pray for and with one another and for the church.

Call (712) 775-7270 and enter access code 444928 to join the conference call.

Thursdays at 11:00am OR 5:45pm Bible Study

Meet in our church Zoom Room to study the Gospel of Luke. Identical material is covered at both sessions. <https://zoom.us/j/2202286773>

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