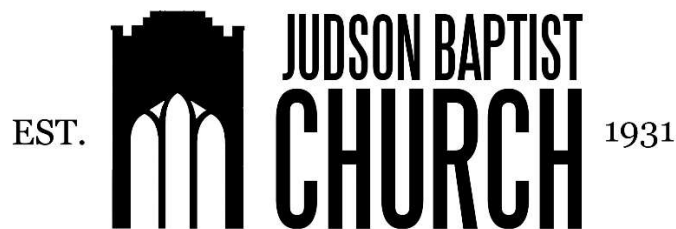


*Welcome to*



October 27, 2024

### *Call to Worship*

*From Ps. 22:28-31, 5:2, 16:1-2*

**Pastor:** Kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

**People:** **Come, proclaim His righteousness to the coming generation, to a people yet unborn.**

**Pastor:** The women of Israel came out to meet the first king of Israel, Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments.

**People:** **Jesus Christ is the final and greatest King of Israel; come now to meet him with thanksgiving and songs of praise!**

**Pastor:** Lift up your voice and cry out to your King and your God, and to him offer your prayers.

**All:** **Preserve us, O God, for in You we take refuge. We say to the LORD, "You are my God." ♦**



*PRAYER of INVOCATION*

*From Nehemiah 9:15*

SONG of ADORATION

"Almost Home"

Don't drop a single anchor, we're almost home  
Through every toil and danger, we're almost home  
How many pilgrim saints have before us gone?  
No stopping now, we're almost home

That promised land is callin', we're almost home  
And not a tear shall fall then, we're almost home  
Make ready now your souls for that Kingdom come  
No turning back, we're almost home

*Almost home, we're almost home  
So press on toward that blessed shore  
Oh, praise the Lord, we're almost home*

This journey ours together; we're almost home  
Unto that great forever, we're almost home  
What song anew we'll sing 'round that happy throne  
Come faint of heart, we're almost home

CHORUS

This life is just a vapor, we're almost home  
That sun is settin' yonder, we're almost home  
Take courage, for this darkness shall break to dawn  
Oh, lift your eyes, we're almost home

CHORUS x 2

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## Confession and Assurance

### READING of GOD'S LAW

*Hear God's Law, His Will for Your Life, from Philippians 2:12-18*

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

*St. Anselm*

**O Almighty and merciful Father, You pour Your benefits upon us—forgive the unthankfulness with which we have responded to Your goodness. We have remained before you with dead and senseless hearts, unkindled with love of Your gentle and enduring goodness. Turn us, O merciful Father, and so shall we be turned. Make us with our whole heart to hunger and thirst after You, and with all our longing to desire You. Amen. ♦**

ASSURANCE of PARDON    *John 1:1-5; Heb 12:28; Dan 3:25-28*

*Receive these words of comfort from God:*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Lord, our darkness is vast and deep, but Your light shines brighter than the stars, all-penetrating and illuminating. We thank You for the promise that, while Your holiness is a consuming fire that would destroy us and our sin alike, as a furnace consumes the chaff, Your grace, love, and mercy compel you to come into the fiery furnace with us—as you did with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, dying in our stead and replacing our darkness with light.

With the pagan king we cry, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has delivered His servants, who trusted in Him." You have saved us from the fire. From this moment on, Lord, help us to walk in the light.

**Amen. ♦**

SONG of RESPONSE    "Glorify Thy Name"

CH #9

**Father\*, we love You, we worship and adore you.**

**Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

**Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name.**

**Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

**\*Jesus, Spirit**

## Life of Worship

### MOMENT for MISSIONS

#### PROFESSION of FAITH

#### The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that exists—seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father before all worlds; Light of Light, True God of True God, begotten, not made, of One Being with the Father. Through Him, all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven. By the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, where he sits at the right hand of the Father.**

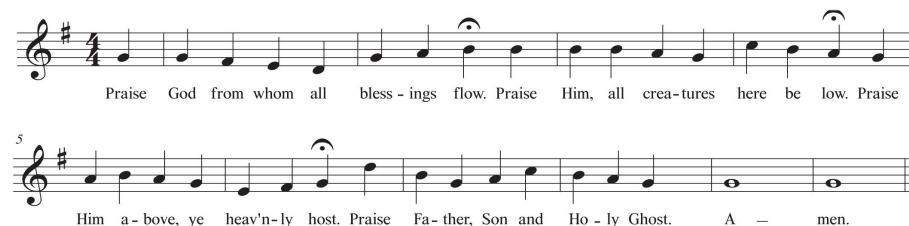
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and from the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy, universal, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism unto the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.◆**

#### OFFERING

### DOXOLOGY



### PRAYER of DEDICATION

### CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

### PASSING of the PEACE

(Children age 3 through grade 5 may go to Judson Kids.)

### PRAYER of INTERCESSION

### SONG

"A Mighty Fortress"

CH #151

## Ministry of the Word

### PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this Word open to being surprised by Your holiness and Your grace. Like the great Reformer, may our hearts be captive to Your Holy Word. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this Word. We know that You can, we pray that You will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.◆

### SERMON

"Jesus Saves. And So Do We"

James 5:19-20

### SONG of DEPARTURE

"Blessed Assurance"

CH#572

### BENEDICTION

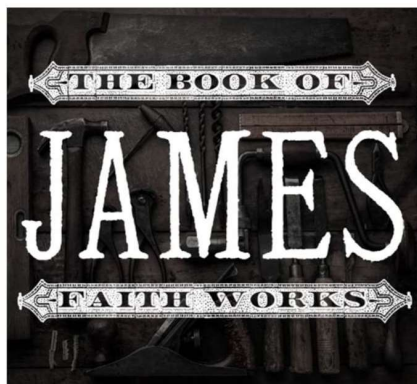
### *This Week's Sermon*

In this last passage from the Book of James, the apostle turns from largescale issues like poverty, persecution, and prayer, to the close communion believers have with one another, so closely connected that James can speak about of one Christian "saving the soul" of another from death.

### *First Time at Judson?*

#### *Welcome Card*

If you would like to get connected with our church, or learn more about us, a good place to start is by scanning the QR code below and filling out the welcome card. (Ask an usher if you would like a paper card to fill out.)



Today, we finish our sermon series through the Book of James—a letter from Jesus' brother that will challenge us to take our faith beyond thoughts and words, into a heart of holiness and deeds of love, mercy, and devotion.

### *Giving at Judson*

We give as part of our service as an act of worship and thanksgiving. If you would like to give online, please reference one of the cards in the friendship pad.

**Sept Budget:** \$13,252

**Sept Giving:** \$15,024

**YTD Budget:** \$119,271

**YTD Giving:** \$115,219

(as of 9/30)

### *Announcements*

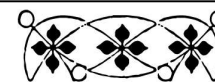
Be sure to sign the red **friendship pad** at the end of the row, and pass it down.

We are greatly in need of volunteers **to help Miss Jen and Mrs. Debra** when the kids head upstairs during the service.

The **nursery** is also very low on volunteers. We have several weeks ahead with no one signed up. Please see Sam Pulice to volunteer.

This month's mission focus is **Operation Christmas Child**, sending shoebox to kids for Christmas. You can pack a shoebox or donate to help fund the postage (\$10 per shoebox). A shoebox is often the very first gift a child receives, given together with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Include a "wow" item like a quality toy, personal care items, and a note or photo. Pack it to the brim and be sure to pray over it before you send it out!

### *This Week at Judson*



#### **TONIGHT**

**400pm** Iglesia Restauración  
**530pm** Men's Bible Study  
Women's Bible Study

#### **MONDAY**

*Church office closed*

#### **TUESDAY**

**9am-2pm** Church Office Open  
**700pm** Boy Scouts Meeting  
Iglesia Prayer Meeting

#### **WEDNESDAY**

**9am-2pm** Church Office Open  
**630pm** Iglesia Restauración  
**700pm** Boy Scouts

#### **THURSDAY**

**9am-2pm** Church Office Open

#### **FRIDAY**

**9am-2pm** Church Office Open  
**630pm** Iglesia Restauración

#### **SATURDAY**

*Church Office Closed*

#### **SUNDAY**

**930am** Sunday School  
**1030am** Coffee Fellowship  
Swahili Service  
**1100am** Judson Worship

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