



# WALKER'S CHAPEL

*Ephesians: A New Culture in Christ*

The Mystery of God

October 12, 2025 • The Sundays of Pentecost



## Service of Worship

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### *Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation*

#### *Words of Greeting*

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

### **God Calls His People and Reveals Himself**

*God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.*

#### *Call to Worship • Psalm 145:1-7*

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

#### *Invocation*

#### *Hymn of Praise • All Praise to God Who Reigns Above (Hymnal, 4)*

### **God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation**

*The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

#### *Prayer of Confession • Eph 3:8-9; Isa 55:8-9; Rom 11:33; Ps 19:12-13; James 4:6; Jn 1:16; Eph 3:20-21*

**Leader:** Father, you have revealed to us the mystery hidden for ages, your grace to all peoples through Christ, yet we often take your gospel lightly.

**People:** **We have not marveled at your mercy nor proclaimed your unsearchable riches.**

**Leader:** Your wisdom is higher than our thoughts, yet we have trusted our understanding instead of your revelation.

**People:** **We have measured your love by our circumstances instead of your cross.**

**Leader:** We have shrunk your infinite glory to fit our small ambitions and fears.

**People:** We have not been rooted and grounded in love, nor have we sought the fullness of your Spirit.

**Leader:** Strengthen us, O Lord, with power through your Spirit in our inner being.

**All:** Fill us with the fullness of Christ, that your glory might be displayed in your church throughout all generations. Amen.

## *Silent Prayers of Confession*

### *Assurance of Pardon • 2 Corinthians 5:17-19*

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.” **Amen.**

### *Hymn of Praise • Christ is Our Cornerstone*

Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build; With  
O then with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring; Our  
Here may we gain from Heav'n, The grace which we im - plore; And

His true saints a - lone The courts of Heav'n are filled; On His great  
voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing; And thus pro -  
may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more; Un - til that

love our hopes we place Of pre - sent grace and joys a - bove.  
claim in joy - ful song Both loud and long, that glor - ious name.  
day when all the blest To end - less rest are called a - way.  
*Repeat first verse.*

## God Teaches Us Through His Word

### *Scripture Reading • Ephesians 3*

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles – assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith – that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### *Sermon*

*The Mystery of God* – Jeremiah Pent, *Pastor*

## God’s People Respond in Grateful Praise

*Hymn of Praise • God Moves in a Mysterious Way (see right)*

# God Moves in a Mysterious Way

1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way His  
 2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of  
 3. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take! The  
 4. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but  
 5. His pur - pos - es will ri - pen fast, un -  
 6. Blind un - be - lief is sure to err and

won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps  
 nev - er - fail - ing skill, He treas - ures up His  
 clouds ye so much dread are big with mer - cy  
 trust Him for His grace; be - hind a frown - ing  
 fold - ing eve - ry hour, the bud may have a  
 scan His work in vain; God is His own in -

in the sea and rides up - on the storm!  
 bright de - signs and works His sov - 'reign will.  
 and shall break in bless - ings on Your head!  
 prov - i - dence He hides a smil - ing face.  
 bit - ter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r!  
 ter - pret - er, and He will make it plain.

*Chorus after v. 2, 4, 6*  
 God of mer - cy! God of grace! Give us eyes to  
 see! Eyes to see Your smil - ing face with - in  
 the mys - ter - y, with - in the mys - ter - y.

## ***Profession of Faith • The Apostles' Creed***

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven

and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* “Catholic” refers to the universal church of God’s people throughout all time and from all places

## ***Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession***

### ***The Lord’s Prayer***

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen*

## **God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness**

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

### ***Hymn of Faith • My Hope is Built (Hymnal, 521)***

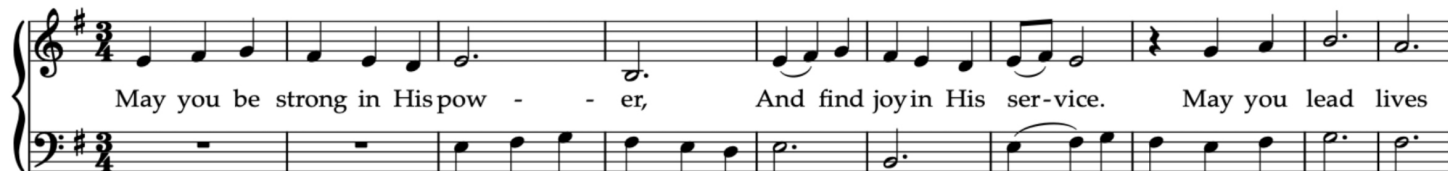
### ***Benediction • Ephesians 3:16-21***

Brothers and sisters, “. . . according to the riches of [God’s] glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. *Amen.*”

# May You Be Strong

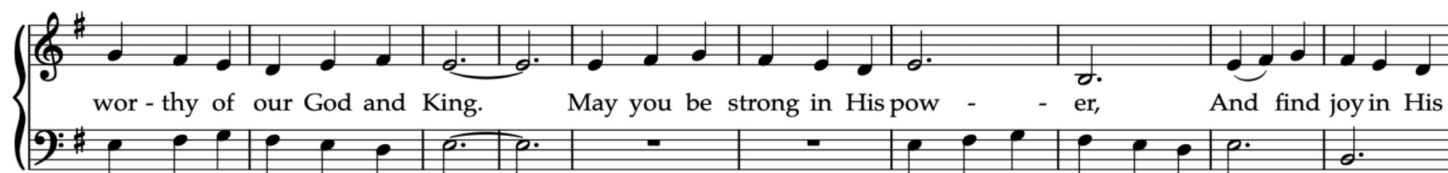
Women:



May you be strong in His pow - - er, And find joy in His ser-vice. May you lead lives

Men:

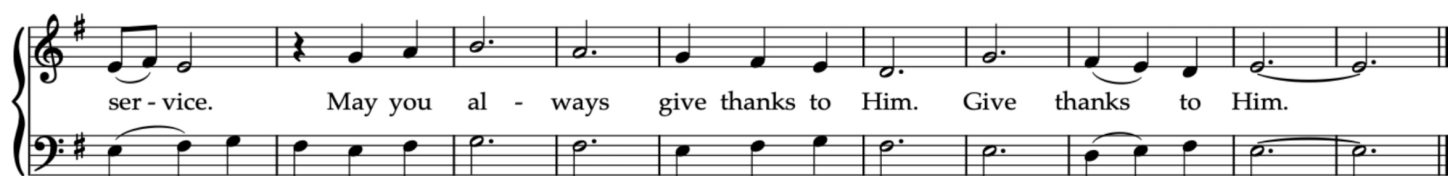
May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy May you lead lives



wor - thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - - er, And find joy in His

wor - thy of our God and King.

May you be strong in His pow - er,



ser - vice. May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

And find joy May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

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- **Offerings.** If you have offerings to the Lord you'd like to give through Walker's Chapel, you may do so in the box on the wall as you leave the sanctuary on your left. You can also give online by using your smart phone to scan the QR code to the right or clicking on the "Give" menu on our homepage. Gifts can be given online via credit card, debit card, and bank draft on a one-time or recurring basis. *Thank you!*



- **Full Church Potluck and Christmas Choir Rehearsals Begin Next Week.** Next Sunday our choirs will begin rehearsing for our Christmas Lessons & Carols Service on December 12 at 7:00 pm. We will share a full church potluck after the service before our choir rehearsals begin at 1:00 pm. We plan to continue with our full church potluck lunches every week between now and December 6, so make plans to join us for those times of food and fellowship each week.
- **Weekly Reading Group.** Every Friday at 9:30 am, we host a reading group in the fellowship area downstairs. We are currently reading Dante's *Divine Comedy*. This week, we are reading Cantos 9-11 of the "Inferno." All ages are welcome to attend. Email [jp@walkerschapel.org](mailto:jp@walkerschapel.org) for more info.



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