

Our mission is to learn the way of Jesus together as we invite others to join us at His Table.

Our Common Practices

We Gather

We gather for worship more often than not.
We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.
We create hospitable space for one another.

We Grow

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study...).
We nurture our faith.
We attend to relationships that promote growth.
We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

We Give

We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God and the world.
We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

We Go

We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.
We help the vulnerable among us.
We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His Table.

A Breath Prayer for the coming week:

"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Holy Spirit, Come to Us



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Order of Worship
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The Season after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Worship Reading from Psalm 105

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Sermon Series: Paul's Letter to the Romans
Sermon: "Big Plans"
Scripture Readings: Romans 8.26-39

We Come to the Table

Prayers of the People
Song of Preparation
Passing the Peace of Christ
Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

Sermon Reflection Guide

Romans 8.26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Question for Everyone

1) I am a premier strategist. When I make plans, they always work out for me. 10) I am a terrible planner. Nothing ever works out as I hoped and have learned to leave the planning to someone else. Where are you on this range?

Prayer in Suffering

Has your pain ever been so bad you couldn't even pray? Suffering has been a major theme in this chapter. Paul acknowledges that there are times when suffering can

make it hard to pray. Christians never suffer alone; God engages with us in our suffering and prays for us. How does the thought that God is praying for you make you feel?

It's All Good

Romans 8:28 is often quoted as a promise that it will all work out. Paul is giving more than a promise. He is making a statement. J.B. Phillips paraphrases this verse well, "We know that to those who love God, who are called according to his plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good." God has a plan and He is working in all things to achieve that plan. When the Church suffers, God weaves it into His plan of redemption. In fact, we may never see the good for ourselves. It is about God's purposes. Do you ever wonder if God can use your painful experiences?

Pre-Destiny

Paul Achtemeier writes, "When Paul speaks of pre-destination...it is that the destiny has already been set; and that destiny is the final redemptive transformation of reality." God, despite human weakness and frailty, continues to gather a people to work with Him to heal this world. God knows that in the end He will redeem His creation, and the good news is that it is in God's hands not human hands. For Paul, predestination is not based on a fear of individual damnation, but is God's plan to redeem the whole world. There is a choice to decide if each of us will choose to work with God to achieve his plan. There are plenty of other passages that describe the fate of those who do not work with God. The good news is that the fate of the world has been determined by God.

Undefeated

In chapter 7 Paul hinted human beings are a mess and they can't get out of their own way to find hope. Chapter 8 starts with "There is no condemnation for those in Christ." Now he concludes this chapter saying we are undefeated. Paul is not naïve. He acknowledges that perils do befall humans. Yet these are all part of a broken world in the process of healing. Despite all these hazards, no power on earth can remove God from us. God has defeated all threats through self-giving love. His plan is to redeem us along with all creation. He will never give up on this plan.