



***THE
LEADING
OF THE
HOLY
SPIRIT.***

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Call to Worship:

Seek the LORD while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.

**Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the LORD,
And He will have mercy on him;
And to our God,
For He will abundantly pardon.**

“For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts,
Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the LORD.

**“For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.**

“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,
And do not return there,
But water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
That it may give seed to the sower
And bread to the eater,

**So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void,
But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.**

Hymn: #4 How Great Thou Art

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, your Word tells us clearly that we are to “put to death the deeds of the body.”

We are to say “No” to sin in its first inklings in our minds.

We are to do this every day, and the cost will involve pain and anguish.

But too often we grant the sin time to breathe and grow.

Too often we convince ourselves that this is only a small sin, and indulgence for a moment will not harm us or others.

Help us to be prepared to pluck out our eyes and sever hands and feet as Jesus commanded.

And today, help us to identify and destroy our besetting sins.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation: Abide with Me

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, abide with me

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee
On to the close Lord, abide with me

I need Thy presence, every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me

Assurance of Pardon:

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?

You will not stay angry with your people forever, because you delight in showing unfailing love.

Once again you will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean!

You will show us your faithfulness and unfailing love as you promised to our ancestors Abraham and Jacob long ago.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

Hymn: #430 I Must Tell Jesus

Hymn: 10,000 Reasons

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **Romans 8: 8-14**

Sermon: The Leading of the Holy Spirit

⁸ So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

¹⁰ And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

¹¹ But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

¹³ For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Proverbs 11:14; 13:20; 15:22; 19:20-21

Proverbs 11:14

¹⁴ Where there is no counsel, the people fall;
But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 13:20

²⁰ He who walks with wise men will be wise,
But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

Proverbs 15:22

²² Without counsel, plans go awry,
But in the multitude of counselors they are established.

Proverbs 19:20-21

²⁰ Listen to counsel and receive instruction,
That you may be wise in your latter days.

²¹ There are many plans in a man's heart,
Nevertheless the Lord's counsel—that will stand.

Psalms 1:1-2

¹ Blessed is the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

² But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night.

Psalms 119:33-37

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes,
And I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law;
Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵ Make me walk in the path of Your commandments,
For I delight in it.

³⁶ Incline my heart to Your testimonies,
And not to covetousness.

³⁷ Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things,
And revive me in Your way.

Ephesians 4:22-24

²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Romans 12:1-2

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your [b]reasonable service.

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Ezekiel 36:27-28

²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. ²⁸ Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

Galatians 5:24-25

²⁴ And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Psalms 25:4-5

⁴ Show me Your ways, O Lord;
Teach me Your paths.

⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You are the God of my salvation;
On You I wait all the day.

Psalms 139:23-24

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me, and know my anxieties;

²⁴ And see if there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

Hymn: #199 Arise, My Soul, Arise!

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise shake off thy guilty fears
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears
Before the throne my Surety stands
Before the throne my Surety stands
My name is written on His hands

CHORUS:

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above for me to intercede
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race
His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

CHORUS

Five bleeding wounds He bears received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers they strongly plead for me
"Forgive him, O forgive, " they cry
"Forgive him, O forgive, " they cry
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

CHORUS

My God is reconciled His pard'ning voice I hear
He owns me for His child I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And, "Father, Abba, Father, " cry

CHORUS (3 times)

Benediction

Upcoming Announcements

Pantry Pals is holding a Pack the Cruiser Food Drive at Kroger on May 30th from 10 am to 4 pm. All pantries that participate will benefit from this drive.

Women's Bible Study is focusing on "Relying on the Holy Spirit" by Charles Stanley. Join us on Mondays at 10 am at the Christian Center.

The Youth Assistance Program (which is a community outreach program of FBC) is having a Dine to Donate event at Culver's on May 26th. They will receive a percentage of all sales from 5-8 pm.

Thanks to all that shopped at Kroger and has FBC listed as a recipient of their Community Rewards program. We received a check in the amount of \$28.78 this week. By adding FBC, this does not diminish any of your fuel points.