

**SUNDAY SCRIPT  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 8:15 am**

**WELCOME and GREETING**

**INVOCATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OPENING PRAISE “Build Your Kingdom Here”**

**Come set Your  
rule, and reign  
In our hearts again.**

**Increase in us,  
we pray  
Unveil why  
we’re made.**

**Come set our  
hearts ablaze  
with hope,**

**Like wildfire in  
our very souls,  
Holy Spirit, come,  
invade us now.**

**We are  
Your Church,  
We need Your  
pow’r in us.**

**We seek Your  
kingdom first.  
We hunger  
and we thirst;**

**Refuse to waste  
our lives,  
For You’re our  
joy and prize.**

**To see the captives  
hearts released;  
The hurt, the sick,**

**the poor at peace.**

**We lay down  
our lives for  
heaven’s cause.**

**We are Your church;  
We pray, revive  
this earth.**

**Build Your  
kingdom here,  
Let the  
darkness fear**

**Show Your  
mighty hand,  
Heal our streets  
and land.**

**Set Your  
church on fire.  
Win this  
nation back.**

**Change the  
atmosphere,  
Build Your  
kingdom here,  
we pray!**

**Unleash Your  
kingdom’s pow’r,  
Reaching the  
near and far**

**No force of  
hell can stop  
Your beauty,  
changing hearts.**

**You made us for  
much more than this;  
Awake the kingdom  
seed in us.**

**Fill us with the  
strength and love  
of Christ.**

**We are  
Your church;  
We are the  
hope on earth.**

**Build Your  
kingdom here,  
Let the  
darkness fear**

**Show Your  
mighty hand,  
Heal our streets  
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## **TIME OF CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Lord God in Heaven, we worship You and praise Your holy name. You are good to us and faithful, even when we stray. You deliver us from death, wipe our tears, lead us on the path of righteousness, and save us from ruin. We need you, Lord, to save us from ourselves.

**Congregation: When life gets tough, we confess we give up.**

P: When our ways seem more enticing than your ways,

**C: We confess that we stray from the path of the Lord.**

P: When we are bothered by other's actions or behaviors,

**C: We confess that we gossip and curse, rather than forgive.**

P: All of this means one thing.

**C: We need you Lord, to forgive us and to help us to live God-pleasing lives.**

P: So we ask...

**C: Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, will you forgive us for our sins once again?**

P: The Holy Spirit helps us to humbly admit our sins and then assures us that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. No longer are we held captive in sin. Our chains have been broken by the broken body of our Lord, and our sins washed by His blood. I declare to you that YES!! God forgives you your sins because of your faith in Jesus!

**C: Amen! Thank you dear Lord for your salvation and for your church!**

## **SONG "Church" (Take Me Back)**

**There was a time  
that I said I would  
never go back.**

**I was blind  
to the truth, didn't  
know what I had.**

**I was runnin',  
I was searchin',  
But, ev'ry place I  
turned for healin',**

**Left me more**

**broken than  
the last.**

**Take me back  
to the place that  
feels like home,**

To the people  
I can depend on,  
To the faith that's  
in my bones.

Take me back to a  
preacher and a verse,  
Where they've seen  
me at my worst,

To the love  
I had at first.  
Oh, I want to go  
to church.

Tried to walk  
on my own, but I  
wound up lost.

Now I'm making  
my way to the  
foot of the cross.

It's not a trophy  
for the winners,  
It's a shelter  
for the sinners,  
And it's right  
where I belong.

Take me back

to the place that  
feels like home,

To the people  
I can depend on,  
To the faith  
that's in my bones.

Take me back to a  
preacher and a verse,  
Where they've seen  
me at my worst,

To the love  
I had at first.  
Oh, I want to go  
to church. I want  
to go to church.

Oh, more than  
an obligation,  
It's our foundation;  
The fam'ly of God.

I know it's hard,  
But we need  
each other;  
We're sisters  
and brothers. Oh,

Take me back

to the place that  
feels like home,

To the people  
I can depend on,  
To the faith that's  
in my bones.

Take me back to a  
preacher and a verse,  
Where they've seen  
me at my worst,

To the love  
I had a first.  
Oh, I want to go  
to church.

Yeah, I want to go  
to church.  
Oh, I want to go,  
Want to go, want to go,

Oh, I want to go  
to church.  
Oh, I want to go  
to church.

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**OLD TESTAMENT** Genesis 1:26-27 & 31, 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (*Creation and the fall into sin.*)

1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

R: This is the Word of the Lord    **C: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**    **John 3:14-17**    *(The Good News of salvation through faith in Christ)*

14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord    **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**SERMON** "God's Very Good News" John 3:16  
*(Sermon outline on the back of today's bulletin announcements)*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING** *(As joyful givers, we clap for the offering)*

**OFFERING MUSIC** "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" LSB 740

**I Am Jesus' Little Lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my needs and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.**

**Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.**

**Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest. Amen.**

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**CHILDREN'S TALK**

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING SONG** "We Are"

**Ev'ry secret, ev'ry  
shame, ev'ry fear,  
ev'ry pain  
live inside the dark,**

**but that's not who we  
are. We are children  
of the day.**

**So wake up, sleeper,  
lift your head.  
We were meant for  
more than this.**

**Fight the shadows,  
conquer death,  
make the most of  
the time we have left.**

**We are the light  
of the world,  
we are the  
city on a hill.**

**We are the light  
of the world,**

**and we gotta,  
we gotta, we gotta  
let the light shine.**

**We are the light  
of the world,  
we are the  
city on a hill.**

**We are the light  
of the world,  
and we gotta,  
we gotta, we gotta**

**let the light shine.**

**Let the light shine,  
let the light shine.  
Ooh.**

**We are called to  
spread the news,  
to tell the world  
the simple truth.**

**Jesus came to save,  
there's freedom  
in His name,  
so let His love  
break through.**

**We are the light  
of the world,  
we are the  
city on a hill.**

**We are the light  
of the world,  
and we gotta,  
we gotta, we gotta  
let the light shine.**

**We are the light  
of the world,  
we are the  
city on a hill.**

**We are the light  
of the world, and  
we gotta, we gotta,  
we gotta let the  
light shine.**

**We are the light,  
we the light,  
we are the light,  
so let your light  
shine brighter.**

**We are the light,**

**we are the light,  
we are the light.  
Jesus,**

**You are the light,  
You are the light,  
You are the light.  
We will lift You high  
and shine, shine,  
shine.**

**We are the light  
of the world,  
we are the  
city on a hill.**

**We are the light  
of the world,  
and we gotta,  
we gotta, we gotta  
let the light shine.**

**We are the light  
of the world,  
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city on a hill.**

**We are the light  
of the world,  
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let the light shine.**

**Let the light shine,  
let the light shine.  
Let the light shine,  
let the light shine.**

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