The Universal Centre of Truth For Better Living

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

THEME FOR THE YEAR Tremendous Good For You In 2022

LESSON SERIES
Are You Ready To Receive?

PLATFORM CHAIR

Naudia Sinclair

TODAY'S LESSON
'Where Is Your Treasure?'

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"Blessed is the one whose delight is in the law of the Lord...that person is like a tree planted by streams of water, whatever they do prospers."

Psalm 1:1-3 (NIV)

MUSICAL INTERLUDE 'With God In Control'

OPENING PRAYER

MUSICAL INTERLUDE
'God Is Here'

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST TIME GUESTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENT

My treasure is from God. I accept it. I receive it with joy.

I share it with love and expect it to increase.

I Am One with God.

I Am One with all people.

I Am One with all life.

I Am One with the One.

RESPONSIVE READING

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WHAT WE BELIEVE STATEMENT #4 Music by Joy Mechanics

WE BELIEVE with Jesus that our experiences are the reflections of our beliefs and therefore the key to happy and successful living is right thinking followed by right action.

HYMN 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness'

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, My Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not.
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness! Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and seedtime and harvest.
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness.
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Chorus)

Pardon from error and a peace that endureth.

Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. (Chorus)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Purification

Leader: Jesus spoke to us of the importance of purity when he said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." (Matt. 5:8)

Response: The forgiving love of Jesus Christ purifies my heart and my past. I AM whole and free! As I fully and freely forgive myself and others, so in turn am I fully and freely forgiven.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE 'Pour Yourself In Me'

Pour yourself in me; pour yourself into my heart. Oh! Wonderful Spirit. Pour your life in me; pour your life into my heart. Oh! Wonderful Spirit.

Appropriation

Leader: Jesus, sharing bread with his disciples, said `..."Take, eat..." ' (Matt. 26:26)

Response: With these words, I take in the bread of life that represents the substance of God. I open my mind and heart to God's substance as a reality here and now and every seeming need in my life is fulfilled. I AM whole in mind and body. My mind and heart are filled with the Truth of Christ.

Leader: Jesus, sharing wine with his disciples, said `..."Drink from it, all of you;" ' (Matt. 26:27)

Response: With these words, I drink the new wine of Spirit which represents life eternal. I AM filled with the revitalizing life of God. The One life of God is my life right now.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE "Spirit of the Living God, Fill Me Anew'

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me; Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Fill me anew,
Fill me anew.
Spirit of the Lord
Fall afresh on me.

Consecration

Leader: "... Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Col. 1:27)

Response: In faith and gratitude, I dedicate and reconsecrate myself to the will and the work of the Christ presence in me, and to the unfoldment of my Christ nature. I AM at peace.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE "Anointing Fall On Me"

Anointing fall on me
Anointing fall on me
Let the power of the Holy Spirit
Fall on me
Anointing fall on me.

SCRIPTURE I Timothy 6:10

King James Version: 'For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.'

God's Word Translation: 'Certainly, the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people who have set their hearts on getting rich have wandered away from the Christian faith and have caused themselves a lot of grief.'

Matthew 6:19-21

Amplified Bible: "Do not store up for yourselves [material] treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in and steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart [your wishes, your desires; that on which your life centers] will be also.

LESSON SERMON
'Where Is Your Treasure?'
The Rev. Sheila R. McKeithen

Introduction: How you handle your prosperity demonstrations, including money, depends on whether you are expressing a 'material' consciousness or a 'spiritual' consciousness. Your consciousness also determines if the prosperity increase you experience is temporary or permanent.

MAJOR POINTS

- 1. Prosperous increase is always temporary or fleeting when it is based on a love for 'money' and 'money-getting.' Such demonstrations have no basis in God's unfailing and ever sufficient substance. Instead, money is accumulated for 'money's sake.' The treasure is 'short-lived.' 'People working in business and industry have demonstrated great amounts of money through love. They did not love God but the love of money attracted the money to them...but merely as material, without the divine idea that assures permanence.' Charles Fillmore
- 2. Prosperous increase rooted in a love of God as Source, attracts infinite resources that provide permanent rather than temporary blessings. When love operates at this higher and more stable level of consciousness, it values God's love over material possessions. The treasure is ever-increasing and always positively impacting. 'Once [you] make a connection with the Universal Bank of God..you have a permanent source of wealth.' Charles Fillmore
- 3. This higher level of love requires that we:
 - Cast hate and fear out of our mind.
 - Refuse to envy or condemn the rich.
 - Refuse to worry.
 - Become determined.
 - Become grateful and bless all that we have or hope to have.

QUOTES TO PONDER:

"Watch your thoughts when you are handling your money [treasure], because your money [or treasure] is attached through your mind to the one source of all substance and all money. When you think of your money, which is visible, as something directly attached to an invisible source that is giving or withholding according to your thought, you have the key to all riches and all lack.' Eric Butterworth's, *Spiritual Economics*, pg. 160, quoting Charles Fillmore.

MUSICAL INSPIRATION

BLESSING OF TITHES, LOVE OFFERINGS, BUILDING FUND & SUPPORTING GIFTS

BENEDICTION