

Holy Spirit, come abide within, May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin, In each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least, Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth,  
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ, Will be clear for all the world to see.

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### Preparatory

### Nearer, Still Nearer

Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart, draw me, my Savior – so precious Thou art!  
Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast.  
Shelter me safe in that haven of rest; Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an offering to Jesus, my King –  
Only my sinful, now contrite heart.  
Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart;  
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Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be Thine! Sin, with its follies, I gladly resign,  
All of its pleasures, pomp and its pride.  
Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified; Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my anchor is cast;  
Thro' endless ages ever to be  
Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee; Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee.

Text and Music: Lelia N. Morris

## Events

TODAY Baptism Joshua  
James 7 PM  
10/19 Greater Vision  
Banquet 6 PM  
10/22 College & Career  
Pasta and Prayer 7 PM  
10/22 Middle School &  
VisionYouth Meetings 7 PM

### Give



### Upcoming Events



### Pastors

Stephen Byrd    Stu Johnston  
Michael Lopes    Jones Ndzi

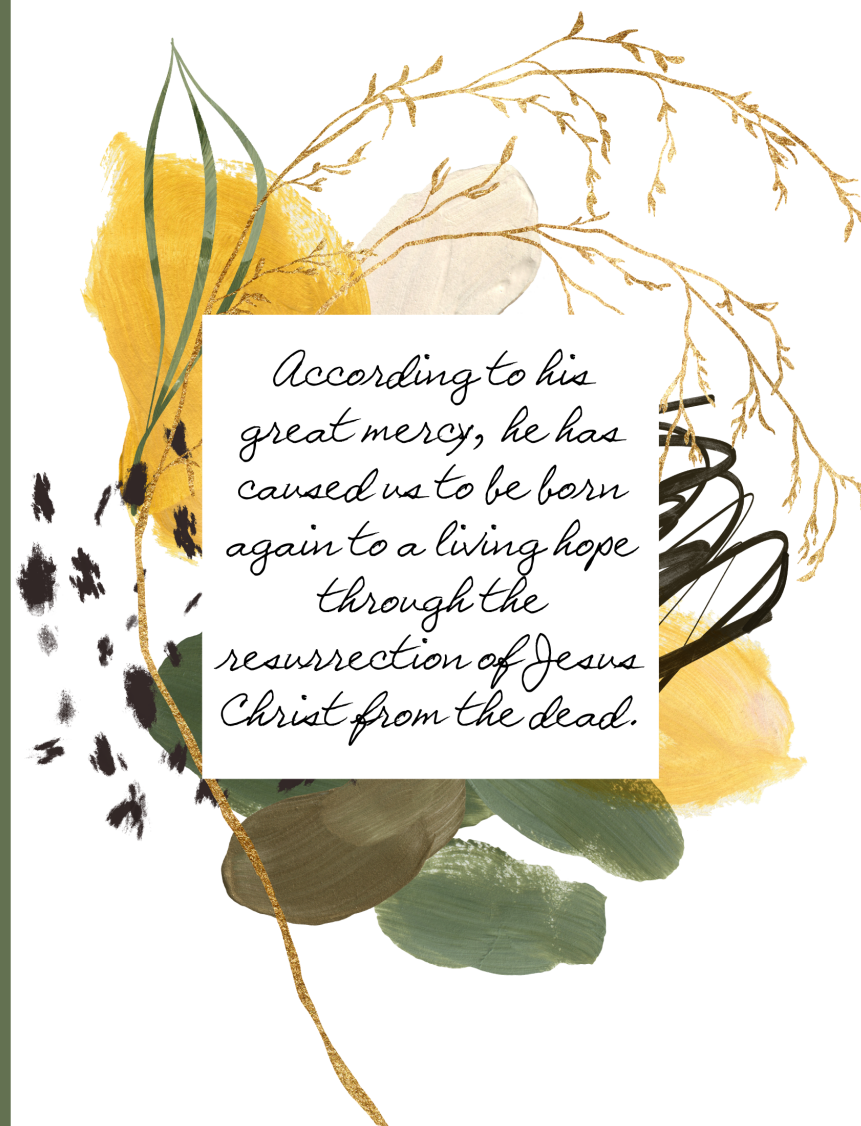
### Service Times

—Sunday School 9:30 am  
—Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am  
—Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm  
—Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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*According to his  
great mercy, he has  
caused us to be born  
again to a living hope  
through the  
resurrection of Jesus  
Christ from the dead.*

# Morning Worship

## Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Stu Johnston  
And Can it Be

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace,  
humbled Himself so great His love, and bled for all His chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for O my God, it found out me.  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amen

Text and Music: Charles Wesley, 1738 Alt, 1990

## Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offering/Preparatory

Hebrews 12:18-29, page 1009  
Pastor Stu Johnston  
Complete in Thee

Complete in Thee! no work of mine could take, dear Lord, the place of Thine  
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and I shall stand complete in Thee

**(Chorus) Yea, justified! O blessed thought!  
And sanctified! Salvation wrought!  
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and glorified, I too, shall be!**

Complete in Thee each want supplied and no good thing to me denied  
Since Thou my portion, Lord wilt be, I ask no more, complete in Thee **(Chorus)**

Complete in Thee! no more shall sin Thy grace hath conquered, reign within  
Thy blood shall bid the tempter flee and I shall stand complete in Thee **(Chorus)**

Dear Savior, when before Thy bar all tribes and tongues assembled are  
Among Thy chosen I shall be at Thy right hand, complete in Thee **(Chorus 2x)**

Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and glorified, I too, shall be!

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## Sermon Post-lude after sermon for quiet meditation Communion O the Deep, Deep Love

Pastor Jones Ndzi

Pastor Michael Lopes

O the Deep, Deep Love

1. Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus; vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward to Your glorious rest above.

**Oh the deep, deep love – all I need and trust I  
s the deep, deep love of Jesus.**

2. Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus; spread His praise from shore to shore;  
How He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore;  
How He watches o'er His loved ones – those He died to make His own,  
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne.

**Oh the deep, deep love – all I need and trust  
is the deep, deep love of Jesus.**

3. Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest.  
It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.  
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus; mighty Savior, precious Friend,  
You will bring us home to glory, where your love will never end.

**Oh the deep, deep love – all I need and trust  
is the deep, deep love of Jesus. (repeat)**

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## #418 We Have Not Known Thee Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand

**(Chorus) O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death**

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh, Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

**(Chorus)**

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore

**(Chorus 2x)**

**Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death**

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# Evening Worship

## Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Kent Thompson  
#705 Marvelous Grace of Our  
Loving Lord

## Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offering

Isaiah 2:6-22, page 567  
Pastor Stu Johnston  
Holy Spirit Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord, To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.