

# **Community Church At Sun Village**

## **A Service of Worship and Praise**

**September 27, 2020**



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<b>Prelude</b>	Jane Smith
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy"</i>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	based on 2 Peter 1:4-8
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy"</i>
<b>Invitation to Worship</b>	based on Psalm 95
<b>Come and Worship Chorus</b>	<i>"Oh Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down"</i>
<b>Missionary Prayer Assignments</b>	James Inmon Still Creek Boys and Girls Ranch
<b>Family Time</b>	Marylyn Cirulis
<b>Welcome Visitors</b>	Pastor Charles Rasmussen
<b>Greet One Another in Christian Love</b>	
<i>"The Family of God"</i>	
<b>Offering Prayer of Gratitude</b>	Pastor Charles Rasmussen
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	Pastor Charles Rasmussen
<b>Worship through Our Tithes and Offerings</b>	
<i>Doxology</i>	
<b>Special Music</b>	Ben Johnson

# **Live By The Spirit Scripture Readings**

## **The Spirit and Flesh in Conflict**

Galatians 5:16-18

Marylyn Cirulis

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

## **Paul's Warning**

Galatians 5:19-21

Marge Rasmussen

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

## **The Fruit of the Spirit**

Galatians 5:22-23a

Grace Johnson

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

## **Keeping in Step with the Spirit**

Galatians 5:24-25

Pastor Charles Rasmussen

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

**Message**

Pastor Charles Rasmussen

*Biblical Truth from Pastor Chuck to Prepare Us  
for the Tumultuous 2020 Election*

**Closing Hymn**

*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

**Benediction**

*May God Bless You*

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**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty;  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Through the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy  
There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power,  
In love and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy  
All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim  
falling down before Thee,

Who wert, and art,  
And evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise  
Thy name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty;  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity!

### **Come Let Us Worship And Bow Down**

Come Let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.  
For He is our God,  
and we are the people of His pasture,  
and the sheep of His hand,  
just the sheep of His hand.

### **Family of God**

I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,  
I've been washed in the fountain,  
cleansed by His Blood!  
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,  
For I'm part of the family,  
The Family of God.

### **Take My Life and Let It Be**

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my hands, and let them move

at the impulse of Thy love.  
at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for Thee.  
Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God,  
I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for Thee.  
ever, only, all for Thee.



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# CHURCH AT SUN VILLAGE IN ACTION – A WARM WELCOME



It is our privilege to worship the Lord our God freely without intimidation or fear of opposition. The psalmist exhorts, "Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms...Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand."

**Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary** to all those who are celebrating in the month of **September**.



**Thank You** - All members and friends of Sun Village Community Church offer our Thanks to **Chef Peter** of **Chef Peter's Bistro** for his continuing assistance to the church. Please continue to support him while he keeps **Chef Peter's Bistro** open and available to Sun Village.

**Audio recordings** of all of Pastor's sermons are found on the church website [www.communitychurchsv.com](http://www.communitychurchsv.com)  
(click the sermon tab)

**CDs of the sermons** for any date are available (free). Please contact the church office.

# COMMUNITY CHURCH AT SUN VILLAGE ON OUR KNEES



Pray for our **home-bound** members that they will be encouraged as they look to God for His blessings.



**Pray for Missions**

## Missions – Still Creek Boys and Girls Ranch

James Inmon

The 300 acres of Still Creek Ranch is divided between 2 campuses. The main campus is where you will find the private academy, equestrian center, administrative offices, staff housing, and two homes for boys. The second campus is a gated, secure, and undisclosed location where the girls currently share two homes, with construction almost complete on a third.

**Restore Her** is an aftercare program for minor girls who are 'at risk' for sex trafficking and those who have been rescued from sex trafficking. **Restore Her** also rescues girls who have been exposed to commercial or private sexual exploitation.

The state of Texas leads the nation as a hub for human trafficking and **Restore Her** is committed to lead the nation in rescuing these victims. The program offers



long-term hope and healing to the girls through a safe, God-centered environment, the opportunity to graduate through an accredited boarding school, as well as guidance and healing through specialized counseling, athletics, arts, and an equestrian riding program.

**Matthew's House** is a program for students who have graduated from Still Creek Ranch. It is independent, transitional living that equips students for life off the ranch. Through mentorship and teaching, these young adults learn essential life skills including money management, organization, and professionalism while working a job or attending a higher education institution.

**Still Creek Christian Academy** is a fully accredited boarding school offering K-12 education to students residing in the surrounding community, as well as students who reside at the ranch. Students who attend the school are given Gospel – centered teaching that prepares them to pursue higher education.

In addition to academic excellence, the program offers extensive extra-curricular activities. Students compete in 1A-TAPPS athletics with other schools in the area. The Ranch has one of the largest Equestrian and Agricultural Programs in the state, where students learn both English and Western riding disciplines. The school is the heartbeat and priority of the program, setting all of the students up for future success.



## **Persecuted Church – Democratic Republic of Congo**

***09/21/2020 - Linda Burkle - Persecution News***

In its 2020 report, the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) did not include DRC in its designations of “countries of particular concern.” However, USCIRF’s website does reference a briefing to discuss “the arbitrary or misapplication of hate speech laws in the Democratic Republic of the Congo” along with other African countries.

Likewise, DRC is not listed on the 2020 World Watch List published by Open Doors, a list that ranks the fifty countries in which persecution of Christians is most prevalent. Nevertheless, Open Doors does cite numerous incidents in recent years of Christians being abducted and killed by rebel terrorist groups, principally the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), an organization that aligns with ISIS. Their stated goal is to establish a caliphate in the DRC, based in the North and South Kivu provinces.

Originating in Uganda in the 1980s, ADF eventually spread into DRC and have been kidnapping, killing, and raping Christians for more than two decades. In over 20 attacks between January and May, an estimated 90 people were killed, at least 131 kidnapped, and over 12,000 displaced. Those displaced include predominately children and elderly, who are even more vulnerable due to starvation. Christians and Christian buildings, such as churches, schools, and hospitals, are the primary targets of ADF.

Despite their overwhelming majority presence in the DRC, comprising 95 percent of the population,

Christians are increasingly threatened, attacked, and victimized by Islamist terrorists and their affiliates, similarly to as in Christian minority countries like Nigeria. Over 35 million Catholics live in DRC, making it the tenth largest Catholic country globally and the largest in Africa. In fact, Catholic leaders have been some of the leading voices in denouncing the violence. According to Crux Now, in 2016, Catholic Bishops brokered a peace deal between the government of President Joseph Kabila and the country's political opposition, though recently that accord has appeared to disintegrate amid renewed bouts of violence. There is widespread targeting of Catholic seminaries and organizations, in the crosshairs of several political factions. Some believe that Christians, and Catholics in particular, might even be targeted not primarily for their religious beliefs, but for the values they hold and humanitarian stances guiding their ministries.

The persecution of Christians in DRC is not limited to Catholics, as Protestants also have been frequently victimized by ADF attacks. Early this year an Anglican priest was beheaded in his home by members of the ADF on account of his faith. "They told him to convert to Islam if he wanted to live," recalled his widow. "He declined. Right there, they slew his neck and left. He died on the spot."

Reverend Wilson Kasereka, friend of the slain priest, paints a disheartening picture of the ongoing situation for Congolese Christians. "The war against Christians has been escalating and people are dying daily," says Kasereka. "[W]e live in fear because we do not know

when the ADF will come for us. We have many refugees here at the border of Congo and Uganda because there is some peace. We have many Christians who have taken shelter in our diocese. The Anglican of Congo is not strong enough to support all these Christians. The Christian refugees need a lot of prayers and support.

## **World, National, and State Concerns**

Pray for **protection**, and for **containment** of the **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**.

Pray for our **nation's leaders**, that they would have **wisdom** in how to deal with the virus.

Pray for **medical professionals**, that God would guide and protect them as they treat those affected.

Pray for our brothers and sisters whose **businesses** and **job stability** might be affected.

Pray especially for those who are the most **vulnerable** to the effects of the virus.

Pray for **President Donald Trump** as he continues his four-year term of office. These are critical days for our nation.

Pray earnestly for a **revival in this land**, that Christians will boldly take a stand for their Christian beliefs. Pray that those who attempt to impose restrictions on us that are contrary to the Law of God are stopped.

Pray for **our National and State legislators**. Pray for the congress as they deal with critical issues facing our nation. Pray for all those who are in **leadership** over the political matters facing our national, state, and local governments.

Pray for those in **Law Enforcement** throughout the country. Pray for God's intervention to stop the constant attacks against police and those charged with keeping law and order.

Pray for **protection of our troops** as they serve around the world to keep and maintain peace. Pray for wisdom for those who provide **leadership for military** operations.

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