

## welcome

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We are so glad you're here with us today. Our desire is for you to experience both rest and worship throughout this Sunday morning. If you'd like to learn more about how to get connected at Ward follow these simple steps...

## next steps

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**GATHER** for worship | We come together each week with our full passion, intensity, and creativity. In worship, we respond with all that we are to all that we know God to be. We sing, we listen, we learn, and we grow. And it inspires us to live a life of worship - giving God His place in all things at all times. Our hope is that people will leave our services knowing they have encountered the true and living God.

**CONNECT** with others | Life change happens best in the context of relationships. In a circle of friends, with the Word open, and hearts surrendered, we get to spur one another on to love and good deeds. We serve each other and our world. Joining a group or a serve team is a significant step toward experiencing biblical community and purpose.

**INVITE** into the mission | God's mission in this world is too big for us alone. We invite our friends and neighbors to participate in God's work to redeem and renew all things. We share the love of Jesus and invite people into the life that God designed us for.

## new guests

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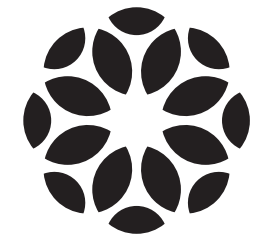
Thank you again for deciding to worship with us today!

You can learn more about our upcoming events in the Ward monthly insert or visit our main info desk in our Hub near Entry 1.

We would love for you to fill out the communication card to help us know how to best connect with you.

Also, don't forget to pick up your free first-time guest coffee card at the welcome desk good for complimentary drinks at ReNu. Finally, if there's any way we can serve you, please don't hesitate to talk with one of our pastors, volunteers, staff, or e-mail us at [info@wardchurch.org](mailto:info@wardchurch.org).

## notes



# classic worship

May 21, 2017  
8 a.m. & 11 a.m.



## Prelude

Landscapes | The Ward Orchestra

## Gathering of God's People

### \*Call to Worship | from Psalm 100

Rev. Doug Thompson

Leader:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord  
all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing!

**People:**

**Know that the Lord, He is God!**

**It is He who made us, and we are His**

**we are His people,**

**the sheep of His pasture**

Leader:

Enter His gates with thanksgiving  
and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him

Bless His name!

**People:**

**For the Lord is good**

**His steadfast love endures forever**

**and His faithfulness to all generations**

### \*Hymn | He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail

Christ will hold me fast

When the tempter would prevail

He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold

Through life's fearful path

For my love is often cold

He must hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight

Christ will hold me fast

Precious in His holy sight

He will hold me fast

He'll not let my soul be lost

His promises shall last

Bought by Him at such a cost

He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast

For my Savior loves me so

He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died

Christ will hold me fast

Justice has been satisfied

He will hold me fast

Raised with Him to endless life

He will hold me fast

Till our faith is turned to sight

When He comes at last

CCLI #7016161 | Ada Ruth Habershon  
and Matthew Merker

## Hearing God's Word

### Scripture Reading | Matthew 13:1-9

8 a.m. Ryan Paddock; Mason Hill, 11 a.m.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.

<sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.

<sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear."

### Sermon

#### **Living Generously** | Seedtime: Taking Risks Because Your Security Is In God

Rev. Dr. Scott McKee, Senior Pastor

## Responding to God's Word

### Offering Introduction | Prayer

### \*Offering Hymn | My Worth Is Not In What I Own [8 a.m.]

My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love  
At the cross

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us  
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose, in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed  
At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom; fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ  
At the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest Treasure  
Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him, no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed - my ransom paid  
At the cross

CCLI #7024758 | Graham Kendrick,  
Keith Getty and Kristyn Getty

### Offertory | The Call [11 a.m.]

The Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Called to light to pierce the darkness  
called to truth where lies abound  
called to life to reach the dying  
called to peace where strife is found

Called to hope to touch the suffering  
called to freedom where captives plead  
called to lead to guide the wandering  
called to serve where there is need

One by one, the Spirit calls us  
By God's grace, He beckons all  
Find us worthy of the mission  
ever faithful to the call

CCLI #1796477 | Da'dra Crawford-  
Greathouse, Mary Tiller, Nee-C Walls,  
Steve Crawford

### Communion [8 a.m.]

Rev. Dr. Scott McKee, Rev. Doug Thompson and Elders Malcolm Bain and Jim Ewing

### \*Hymn | All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night  
yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own  
a rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

Hallelujah all I have is Christ  
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

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Now Lord I would be Yours alone  
and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
could never come from me  
O Father use my ransomed life  
in any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
my only boast is You

But as I ran my hell bound race  
indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
and led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
now all I know is grace

CCLI #5174122 | Jordan Kaufflin

## Sending God's People

### Closing Messages and Benediction

*\*Congregation members stand, as they are able*

## Celebrating God's Presence

### Recognition of Graduates

Jon Haden, Director of Next Gen/Students