

OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION JULY 4, 2021

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 52**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

Song of Preparation and Praise - *Steadfast

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - John 3:16-21**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

Songs of Comfort - *The Christ, Our Light Cornerstone

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - The Robertsons, MTW Chile and Job Dolomba, Christ Covenant Presbyterian, Woodstock

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Jews' Need for Jesus, Part 4 Luke 9:57-62

Song of Response - *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

**Stand*

“FOLLOWING JESUS” LUKE 9:57-62 ROBBY BAXTER

Key Truth: There is nothing more important than following Jesus.

Luke 9:57-62: Leave the Dead to Bury the Dead

“Christ says, ‘Give me All. I don’t want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want You...The terrible thing, the almost impossible thing, is to hand over your whole self—all your wishes and precautions—to Christ. But it is far easier than what we are all trying to do instead. For what we are trying to do is to remain what we call ‘ourselves,’ to keep personal happiness as our great aim in life, and yet at the same time be ‘good.’ We are all trying to let our mind and heart go their own way—centered on money or pleasure or ambition—and hoping, in spite of this, to behave honestly and chastely and humbly. And that is exactly what Christ warned us you could not do.”

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Luke 9:57-62: Go and Proclaim the Kingdom of God

Q: *In what ways are you daily seeking to apply your life to God's redemptive mission for the life of the world?*

Application:

Luke 9:57-62 teaches us that:

-There is nothing more important than following Jesus.

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