



# Welcome

February 8, 2026

We are gathered this morning to worship God by fixing our gaze on Jesus Christ. The aim is that all our scripture reading, singing, sharing, praying, & preaching will put Christ on display. As we behold his glory, we are being **transformed** into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

## Order of Worship | 10:00 AM

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP · Psalm 100

WORSHIP THROUGH SINGING · Buddy Gammal

#470 "O Church, Arise"

#425 "There Is Power in the Blood"

"They Will Know We Are Christians" (*see insert*)

WORSHIP THROUGH SHARING & PRAYING · Eric Abbey

HYMN OF PREPARATION ·

#818 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(*Children grade 1-6 are dismissed to CTC Kids classes*)

WORSHIP THROUGH PREACHING

Sermon · Ben Wistrom

"Wanted: Faithful Servants" · Mark 9:30-50

WORSHIP BY RESPONDING

Communion

*Communion bread is gluten-free*

Closing hymn · "Take My Life and Let It Be" (*see insert*)

BENEDICTION · II Thessalonians 3:12-13

## Giving

You can give tithes and offerings in the box on the back table or by visiting our giving page at [www.ChristTransformation.org/give](http://www.ChristTransformation.org/give)

## Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100

## Youth & Kids

Childcare is available for infants – Kindergarten.

CTC Kids classes are offered for children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade during the sermon.

## Prayer & Praise

Praise God for an encouraging dinner and congregational meeting last night. Pray that 2026 would be a year of depending fully on the Lord and sharing boldly as witnesses to His gospel. Pray for our transition to services at the new building starting next Sunday, asking God to give us grace and to bless us as we gather in our new space.

Pray for Nick Bass as he preaches at First Congregational Church, Woodstock, VT.

## Fellowship

Please stay after the service and enjoy a time of fellowship. We invite you to connect with us by filling out the **Connect Card**.



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in the conference room.  
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### **II. Path to Greatness Taught (9:33-50)**

#### A. Path Confusion Demonstrated (9:33-34)

#### B. Path Confusion Remedied (9:35-50)

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a) It's the Path of Lastness (9:35a)

b) It's the Path of Servanthood (9:35b-37)

##### 2. *What Does Walking the Path Look Like?* (9:38-49)

a) Serving Through Impartial Love (9:38-42)

(1) Discrimination Epitomized (9:38)

(2) Discrimination Corrected (9:39-42)

b) Serving Through Ruthless Repentance (9:43-49)

(1) Three Calls to Repent (9:43-48)

(2) One Ultimate Reason to Repent (9:49)

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## THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

### VERSE 1:

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored

### CHORUS:

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love*

### VERSE 2:

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

### VERSE 3:

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one

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## TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

### VERSE 1:

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

### VERSES 2:

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

### VERSE 3:

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

### VERSE 4:

Take my love, my God, I pour, at Thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be, ever, only all for Thee  
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Words: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874  
Music: H. A. Cesar Malan, 1837; harm. Lowell Mason, 1841, alt.  
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## Dominion Through Distress

(Mark Overview; 2/1/26; Abbey)

- I. The Gospel Introduced: The Dominion of the Suffering Servant (1:1-15)
- II. The Gospel Exhibited: Jesus' Dominion as the Suffering Servant (1:16-16:8)

### A. The authority of the Suffering Servant (1:16-8:21)

1. His authority demonstrated immediately (1:16-45)
2. His authority established amid opposition by Israel (2:1-3:35)
  - ❖ **Son of Man** authority established (2:10, 28)
3. His authority veiled in weakness and suffering (4:1-6:30)
4. His authority despite unbelief (6:31-8:21)

### B. The way of the Suffering Servant (8:22-10:52)

1. A real-life parable of blindness: The man at Bethsaida (8:22-26)
2. Seeing the way of suffering (8:27-10:45)
  - a. The trailhead of the way of suffering (8:27-9:29)
    - i. A glorious signpost: Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (8:27-9:13)
      - The glorious confession of man: **You are the Christ!** (8:27-30)
      - ❖ Jesus introduces **Son of Man** suffering (8:31-9:1)
      - The glorious confession of God: **This is my beloved son!** (9:2-8)
      - ❖ Jesus introduces **Son of Man** suffering (9:9-13)
    - ii. Unbelieving blindness introduced (9:14-29)
  - b. Advancing along the way of suffering (9:30-10:31)
    - i. Jesus continues teaching **Son of Man** suffering (9:30-50)
    - ii. Unbelieving blindness continues (10:1-31)
  - c. Submitting the way of suffering (10:32-41)
    - i. Jesus confirms **Son of Man** suffering (10:32-34)
    - ii. Unbelieving blindness highlighted (10:35-41)
  - d. The pinnacle of the way of suffering (10:42-45)
    - ❖ Jesus highlights **Son of Man** suffering (10:45)
3. A real-life parable of blindness: Bartimaeus (10:46-52)

### C. The coronation of the Suffering Servant (11:1-16:8)

1. The king comes to his temple (11:1-13:37)
2. The king submits to the cross (14:1-15:39)
  - ❖ The **Son of Man** betrayed (14:21, 41)
  - ❖ The future glory of the **Son of Man** (14:62)
    - The glorious confession of the Roman:  
**Truly this man was the Son of God!** (15:39)
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