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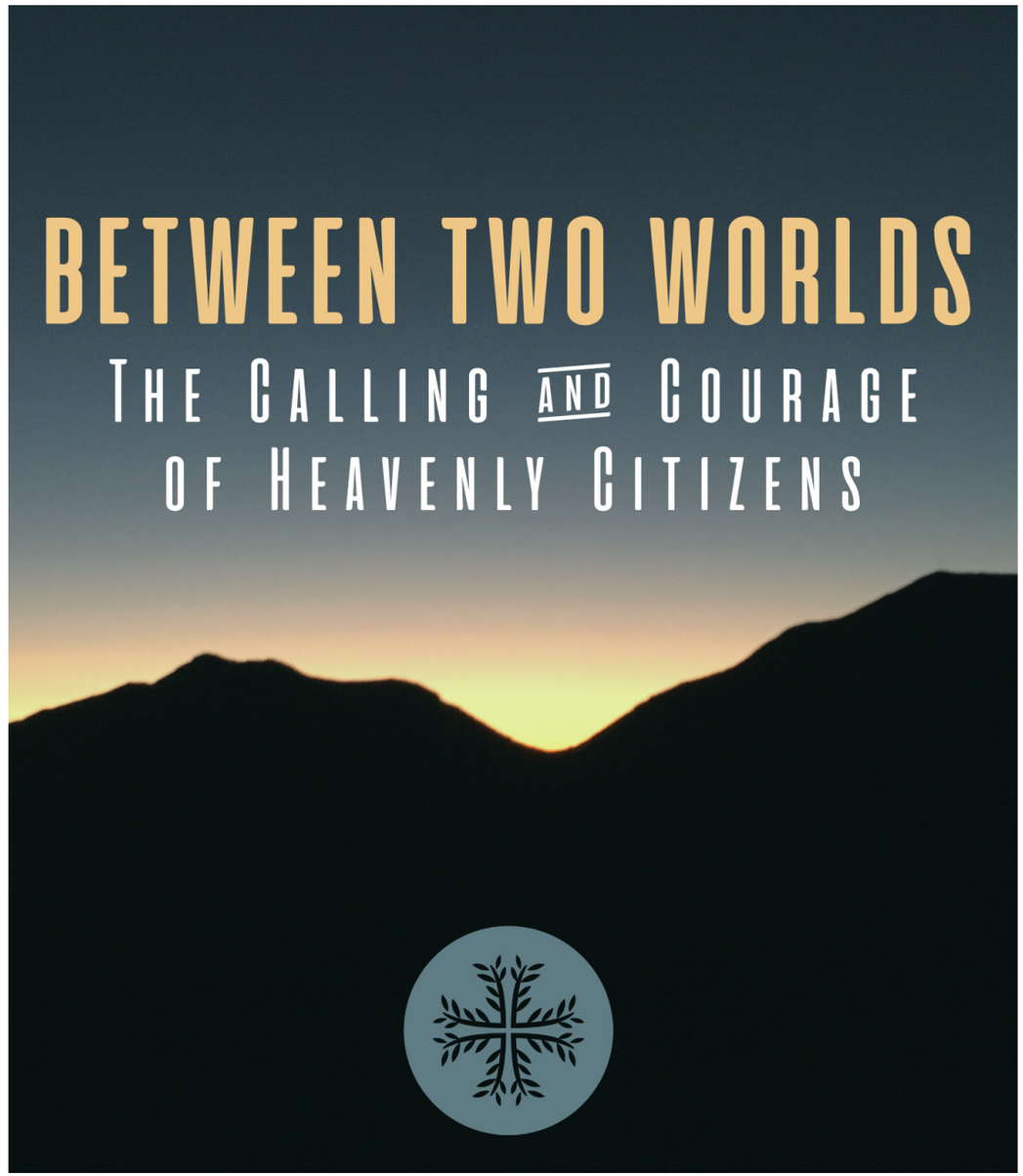

November 8, 2026

Gathering Song

Call to Worship

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all this troubles.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

From Psalm 34:1–8

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise

Praying the Scripture

4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord
is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your might.

Deutoronomy 6:4–5

24 "No one can serve two masters, for either
he will hate the one and love the other, or he
will be devoted to the one and despise the
other. You cannot serve God and money.

Matthew 6:24

Corporate Confession

Holy and merciful Father, we confess that we have lived by Christ and something else. We have counted our worth by what we hold: our health, our comfort, our usefulness, our good name. When those are taken from us, we call our days wasted, and when they are given, we boast as though we had earned them. We have feared death as the end of everything, and some of us have wished for it as the end of everything hard, and we have forgotten that our lives and our deaths are yours. We have spoken of you only where it costs us nothing, and we have envied the work of others in your name. Forgive us for every place we have said Christ and meant Christ plus. For the sake of your Son, who was hard pressed and yet stayed for us, who humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, cleanse us, and teach us to say with Paul, to live is Christ, and to die is gain; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

14 Since therefore the children share in flesh
and blood, he himself likewise partook of the
same things, that through death he might
destroy the one who has the power of death,
that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who
through fear of death were subject to lifelong
slavery.

Hebrews 2:14–15

Song of Thanksgiving

Passing of the Peace

Offering

All things come from you, O Lord!
And of your own have we given you!

Announcements

Discipleship Cove is dismissed (Little Cove: pre-K–2nd grade; Big Cove: 3rd–5th grade). Nursery is available on the first floor on the other side of the building.

Ministry of the Word

Chains and Courage: Gospel Advance Through Misfortune
Philippians 1:12–26
Pastor Chad Escue

Communion Call & Response

What is the mystery of the faith?

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast!

The gifts of God for the people of God, come...

The Lord's Supper

Closing Song

Benediction

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Sermon Text

Philippians 1:12–26

12 I want you to know, brothers, that what
has happened to me has really served
to advance the gospel, 13 so that it has
become known throughout the whole
imperial guard and to all the rest that my
imprisonment is for Christ. 14 And most of
the brothers, having become confident in
the Lord by my imprisonment, are much
more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ from envy
and rivalry, but others from good will. 16
The latter do it out of love, knowing that I
am put here for the defense of the gospel.
17 The former proclaim Christ out of selfish
ambition, not sincerely but thinking to
afflict me in my imprisonment. 18 What
then? Only that in every way, whether in
pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed,
and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, 19 for I know that
through your prayers and the help of the
Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out
for my deliverance, 20 as it is my eager
expectation and hope that I will not be
at all ashamed, but that with full courage
now as always Christ will be honored in my
body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to
me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I
am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful
labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I
cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between
the two. My desire is to depart and be with
Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain
in the flesh is more necessary on your
account. 25 Convinced of this, I know that
I will remain and continue with you all, for
your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that
in me you may have ample cause to glory in
Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you
again.