

Faith - Family - Fellowship

Order of Worship Agape Worship Service August 24, 2025

Words of Welcome PR

Prayer of Transformation PR

Call to Worship Take Time to Be Holy Chancel Choir

Hymn of Faith All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Chancel Choir & Congregation

Hymnal #154 Verses 1, 4 & 6

Words of Wisdom Joshua 24:2-21 Al Beaty

Anthem of Hope Jesus, Jesus! There's just Something About that Name! Chancel Choir

Doxology / Blessing of the Offering Hymnal #95 Jim Vaughn

Word of God Romans 12:1-2 Rochelle Conley

Video

Spiritual Vitamin "Living Courageously for Jesus" PR

Prayers of the Church / The Lord's Prayer Charlie Cathey

Hymn of Love Stand Up, Stand up for Jesus Chancel Choir & Congregation

Hymnal #514 Verses 1, 3 & 4

Going Forth

Prayer of Transformation

Pastor Robert: Please join me in today's Prayer of Transformation & Calling.

Pastor: Lord God, You have been faithful through all generations—calling Abraham,

delivering Israel, and guiding Your people with power and mercy.

People: We remember Your mighty acts and give thanks for Your unfailing love.

Leader: You brought us out of bondage, led us through wilderness, and gave us a place

to dwell. Not by our strength, but by Your hand. Even to this very day at

Knightsville Global Methodist Church.

People: We offer ourselves in gratitude, for You alone are worthy of our worship.

Leader: As Joshua challenged the people, so You challenge us today: "Choose this day

whom you will serve."

People: We choose You, Lord. As for us and our households, we will serve the Lord.

Leader: You call us, through the words of Paul, to present our bodies as living

sacrifices—holy and pleasing to You.

People: Transform us, Lord. Renew our minds so we may discern Your good,

pleasing, and perfect will.

Leader: You are a holy and jealous God, desiring our full devotion and sincere hearts.

People: We renounce all idols and distractions. We commit ourselves to You alone.

Leader: Let this covenant be written not only in words, but in our lives. Let our

worship be more than ritual—let it be our way of living.

People: We surrender all. Shape us, lead us, and use us for Your glory.

Together: We pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Words of Wisdom - Joshua 24:2-21

Today's reading from the Old Testament come to us from the book of Joshua, chapter 21, verses 2 through 21. The highlights of these verses are:

<u>God's Sovereignty and Faithfulness</u> to his chosen people, a <u>Call to Exclusive Worship</u>, it's again time for a <u>Covenant Renewal</u> and the importance to <u>Holiness and Accountability</u> within one's life..

Allow these words to bring forth how the presence of God in your life will bring lasting peace.

Joshua said to the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Long ago your ancestors, including Terah, the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River, and they worshiped other gods. But I took your ancestor Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him into the land of Canaan. I gave him many descendants through his son Isaac. To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I gave the mountains of Seir, while Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.

"Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I brought terrible plagues on Egypt; and afterward I brought you out as a free people. But when your ancestors arrived at the Red Sea, the Egyptians chased after you with chariots and charioteers. When your ancestors cried out to the Lord, I put darkness between you and the Egyptians. I brought the sea crashing down on the Egyptians, drowning them. With your very own eyes you saw what I did. Then you lived in the wilderness for many years. "Finally, I brought you into the land of the Amorites on the east side of the Jordan. They fought against you, but I destroyed them before you. I gave you victory over them, and you took possession of their land. Then Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, started a war against Israel. He summoned Balaam son of Beor to curse you, but I would not listen to him. Instead, I made Balaam bless you, and so I rescued you from Balak.

"When you crossed the Jordan River and came to Jericho, the men of Jericho fought against you, as did the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. But I gave you victory over them. And I sent terror ahead of you to drive out the two kings of the Amorites. It was not your swords or bows that brought you victory. I gave you land you had not worked on, and I gave you towns you did not build—the towns where you are now living. I gave you vineyards and olive groves for food, though you did not plant them.

"So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone. But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."

The people replied, "We would never abandon the Lord and serve other gods. For the Lord our God is the one who rescued us and our ancestors from slavery in the land of Egypt. He performed mighty miracles before our very eyes. As we traveled through the wilderness among our enemies, he preserved us. It was the Lord who drove out the Amorites and the other nations living here in the land. So we, too, will serve the Lord, for he alone is our God."

Then Joshua warned the people, "You are not able to serve the Lord, for he is a holy and jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you abandon the Lord and serve other gods, he will turn against you and destroy you, even though he has been so good to you."

But the people answered Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!"

O Lord, you have given us the gift of your Word.

People: May we ever protect and keep it pure. Amen.

Word of God - Romans 12:1-2

Today's Word of God comes from the 12th Chapter of The Book of Romans.

Now here the word of the Lord.

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.