

ST. LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH, CORPUS CHRISTI
Wednesday Chapel Worship, 7 pm, July 22, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,
and the one who found it went and sold everything and bought that field.

Not reluctantly. In his joy, he sold everything.

That is what we are here to talk about tonight:

the kind of joy that makes everything else feel like a fair trade.

**Come, you who are seeking, you who have already found,
you who are still not sure what you are looking for.**

Come and worship the one who is worth more
than everything we could give him.

Jesus, priceless treasure.

OPENING HYMN

“Seek Ye First” OGRP #341

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

PRAYER

Lord of the kingdom, we confess that we are not always the merchant who sells everything. Sometimes we find the treasure and haul it home alongside everything else, adding you to a life already full, rather than building a life around you. Forgive us for the crowded hearts, the divided loyalties, the love we offer you in the margins after everything else is satisfied. You are the pearl of great price. You are the treasure in the field. And we want to want you that way: more than anything this life can offer. Teach us the joy of the one who found the treasure. The reckless, all-in, everything-is-a-fair-trade joy of those who know what they have found. Cast away what is not worth keeping. Draw out from your treasury what is new and old together, your ancient grace, alive in us tonight. In the name of Jesus, the treasure and the seeker both. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:44-52

MESSAGE

The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like...

SONG TO CHRIST

“Knowing You” OGRP #125

All I once held dear, built my life upon, all the world reveres and wars to own;
All I once thought gain, I have counted loss, spent and worthless now compared to this.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You; there is no greater thing.

You're my all, You're my rest, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more, to be found in You, and known as Yours;

To possess by faith what I could not earn, all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You; there is no greater thing.

You're my all, You're my rest, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life and to know You in Your sufferings;

To become like You in Your death, my Lord, so with You to live and never die.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You; there is no greater thing.

You're my all, You're my rest, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OGRP #700

SONG OF GOING FORTH

“I'd Rather Have Jesus” OGRP #140

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold; I'd rather be His than have riches untold;

I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands. I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand...

Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway.

I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause; I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;

I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame. I'd rather be true to His holy name...

Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway.

I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom; He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;

He's all that my hungering spirit needs. I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead...

Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway.

I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

CHARGE & BLESSING

Go now, and live like you found the treasure, the Kingdom, the KING.

Not cautiously. Not with one eye still on what you gave up.

But in the joy of the one who sold everything and counted it no loss.

Seek first the kingdom. Let everything else find its place after that.

There is nothing this world offers that compares to knowing
the surpassing worth of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

**And may the God of the Kingdom give you eyes to see the treasure
in every ordinary field you walk through,
and the joy to go after it with everything you have.**

CLOSING & THE PEACE

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Leaders in tonight's worship: Brad & Lisa DeHaven

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Prayers for use at home this week:

Morning – Lord Jesus, this is a new morning and the world will offer me many things today. Before it does, I choose you. Not as one option among many, but as the treasure worth everything, the pearl worth selling everything to hold. Find me before I wander. Let me go into this day knowing what I have, and who has me. In Your name. Amen.

Evening – Lord of the kingdom, the day is done. I sought many things today. Some were good. Some were not of your Kingdom. Forgive the divided heart, the love that scattered itself on lesser things. Remind me what I found, and what found me. You are worth more than I know how to say. I'd rather have you than anything this day offered. Let me rest in that tonight. Amen.



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a field. When a man
found it, he hid it again,
and then in his joy went
and sold all he had and
bought that field.

MATTHEW 13:44

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