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Today's Focus:

THE JOYFUL HOPE WE HAVE IN GOD'S WORD

OPENING HYMN 1 (Red Hymnal)

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE - *Worship Supplement, Page 12*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (on back) *God promises to take a remnant of Israel and build a new Church.*

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: Psalm 93:1-5

Leader: The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;

Cong: The LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.

L: The world is firmly established;

C: It cannot be moved.

L: Your throne was established long ago;

C: You are from all eternity.

L: The seas have lifted up, O LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice;

C: The seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

L: Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea—

C: The LORD on high is mighty.

L: Your statutes stand firm;

C: Holiness adorns your house for endless days, O LORD. AMEN.



2 Cor. 5:1-10 (on back) *The Apostle speaks of the hope and courage we have while serving God in this world.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Worship Supplement, Page 15 – Apostles' Creed*

The Apostles' Creed was written as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.

HYMN 37 (Red Hymnal)

Lord, 'Tis Not that I did Choose Thee



SERMON NIV Mark 4:26-29 26 He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28 All by itself the soil produces grain-- first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. 29 As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

THEME: THE WORD OF GOD IS AUTOMATIC

1. All by itself, it makes faith sprout.
2. All by itself, it makes faith grow.
3. All by itself, it ripens faith for the harvest.

OFFERTORY - *Worship Supplement, Page 16*

HYMN 770 (*Worship Supplement*)

I Hear the Savior Calling

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER - BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 49 (Red Hymnal)

Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you are here with us today and invite you to come again! Please sign our guest book in the hallway. If you have questions about our church and school please ask!

TODAY: Bible Class continues with our Comparative Religion study. Come and take notes!
PLEASE CHECK your church calendars for upcoming dates. There are extras in the entryway.