

July 30, 2021

Dear Friends,

### **Jesus is Lord**

This was the original statement of faith for those who professed to follow Jesus Christ: Jesus is Lord. Three little words. With big meaning. Words that speak the conviction that there is *no one* and *nothing* we will love and esteem more.

We are the “Jesus is Lord” people. This is a risky position because it says that no one else and nothing else will do. Our minds, hearts, and actions align under him.

May I encourage you to live this day considering what it means for you if *Jesus* is Lord? What if *he* is the highest authority and has the final word?

This is not good news if he is not good. Best to do your homework. *Who is he and what do you see when you gaze at him?* It is a foolish move to give your heart away to an oppressor.

Mull over Philippians 2:5-11: “In your relationships with one another have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!” It is this Christ that “God exalted...to the highest place and gave...the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Whenever people live opposite to the way of Christ as described in Philippians 2, they (we) are not being true church. May we take his lead; may we align, and realign, with him.

### **Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.**

Two more Sundays to go. August 8<sup>th</sup> will be our last Sunday gathering by Zoom in this manner. I am looking forward to talking about John 6:22-35. We will hear from our incoming pastors, Abe and Nate, through short testimonies on the key verse: “Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’”

Please [contact me](#) for a Zoom link.

\*Please join the Zoom meeting after 9:30 a.m. to avoid problems entering.

For this week’s scripture readings and other announcements, go to [Sunday’s bulletin](#).

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13)

With love and prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)