

Choir Rehearsal

This Sunday

Traditions:
 "Majesty"
 "Sing a New Song" #1

Upcoming Services

9/26 "Thank You Jesus for the Blood" #16
 10/3 "House of the Lord" #24
 10/10 "Jesus Brought Me Out" #39
 10/17 "Great is the Lord Medley" #56
 10/24 "Breakthrough" #86



Volunteers Needed

The Technical Ministry is in need of those who would be interested in serving on Sunday mornings. Positions include lighting, camera operators, CG one operators, and more. Contact Daisy Ortega at dortega@sugarcreek.net for more information.



PRAYER TIME

Our prayer ministry, led by Tom and Debbie Jones, has a time when they meet to pray together at 6:30 pm on Wednesday nights before rehearsal. This takes place in the hall on the freeway side of the music suite. All are welcome.

We also have prayer boxes on the check in tables where you can leave prayer requests. These can then be put in The Vine for all to lift up in prayer. If you would like your request to remain confidential just notate that on the card.

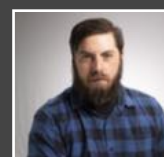
Worship Staff



Tony Price
Worship Pastor



Chris Emert
Orch Worship Pastor



Nick Whittington
Band Director



Hector Sotelo
Spanish Worship Leader



Nina Sims
Worship Leader



Lucas Olivarez
Worship Leader/Mo City



Brian Garcia
RR Worship Leader



Nancy Curtis
XLR8



Jarod Espy
Worship Leader



Devon Poole
Administrative Assistant



Daisy Ortega
Ministry Assistant



Ruthie Hensley
Ministry Assistant

Technical Staff



Frank Flores
Technical Director



Alex Adamitis
Tech Director/SL



The Vine

I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. John 15:5

September 15, 2021

Seeking the Face of God

Learning to seek the face of God is foundational for experiencing the life Jesus died to give us. Through Christ we have all the wonders, excellencies, and satisfaction we can imagine. God has granted us grace upon grace, mercy upon mercy, affection upon affection, and love upon love. When we pursue Him through all the avenues available to us, a door is opened in which we discover all our heavenly Father longs to give us.

Worship through song is one of the most powerful ways to connect directly to the love, compassion, power, and grace of God. In worship, walls we've placed between God and us get torn down, just as God tore the veil at the death of Christ. In worship, our hearts become soft, aware, and open to the glorious majesties of God's nearness. In worship, God makes His nearness known to us and fills us anew with the power of His manifest presence.

Psalms 95:1-3 says, "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

When we give glory to God, we place Him on the throne of our hearts and posture ourselves in the only position in which we find peace: one of submission and humility. In the act of worship, we lay down everything we've allowed to matter more than God's perfect will for us and receive the grace to love Him above all else.

Psalms 132:7 says, "Let us go to His dwelling place; let us worship at His footstool!" God's desire in worship is to draw us near to Himself, fill us to overflow with His love, and wait patiently for us to love Him in return. The more often we receive His love through worship, the more consistently we will love and honor Him in all we do.

God is not a prideful King who demands inauthentic praise from His people. He is in no way insecure or needy. He simply wants to love us and wants us to love Him. He will keep loving. He will keep loving us until we realize that loving Him is the most satisfying, fulfilling, and purposeful way to live.

I like to begin my devotional time by asking the Holy Spirit to help me receive God's affection for me. 1 John 4:19 says, "We love because He first loved us." It's easy to forget how deeply God loves us.

"How deep the Father's love for us. How vast beyond all measure. That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory." Verse 3 says, "I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom; but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer; but this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom."

God wants to draw us into a fresh and needed experience of His nearness right now. He wants to pour out His love on every dry and weary place of your heart. Receive His love, allow His spirit to touch your spirit, and respond to Him with adoration.

Dr. Chris K. Emert





PRAYER REQUESTS

Priscilla Laceras

Pray for Terry Gonzales who received Christ in the Next Step Center this past Sunday. Pray for her to grow in Christ and get connected to a small group. Also pray for her baptism.

Aubrey Jacobson

Pray for Aubrey's aunt and uncle that had to be transported by ambulance to the hospital due to Covid and pneumonia. They are also having CAT scans to detect blood clots.

Amber Abila

Be in prayer for Amber's dad who broke his toe last week. Also, pray for her family as they have lost an uncle due to a stroke and an aunt who passed away after battling cancer.

Michael Hermann

Be in prayer for Michael. He got word today that his coworker, Travis passed away. Pray for the wife and daughter of Travis.

Linda Caddell

Pray for Linda's sister-in-law who has Covid and who is not a believer.

Olga Alvarez

Pray for Olga who injured her back due to a fall. She is doing treatment and will have a pain shot this Friday. Pray for her full recovery.

Amanda Tabor

Pray for Amanda's cousin, Sam. He has been dealing with issues with his pancreas for over a year. Please pray for healing and for encouragement.

Bailey Smith

Continue to pray for Bailey's dad regarding his cancer. His gamma knife procedures are going well and the spots that are being targeted are stable. The next MRI is in 2 months.

Zinny Onoh

Pray for Florence Okecke, Zinny's mom who is in the early stages of dementia. Pray for God to restore and heal.

Devon Poole

Pray for Devon's dad, Frank who is undergoing radiation for prostate cancer.

Diane Fanta

Pray for Diane as she is helping to care for her mom who suffered a mild stroke a few months ago.



If you have a prayer request please fill out the prayer request cards located on the check in tables and leave in the prayer box.

Calendar of Events

9/22 Care Groups

9/26 Choir singing all 3 services

9/29 Family Choir Night

10/3 Family Choir Sunday/all 3 services

10/6 First Things First

10/27 Care Groups

10/20 New Member's Fellowship

11/3 First Things First

11/10 New Member's Fellowship

11/7 Choir singing all 3 services

11/14 Communion

11/17 Care Groups

11/23 Rehearsal on Tuesday

12/1 First Things First

12/15 Worship Ministry Christmas Fellowship

12/19 Choir singing in all 3 services

12/24 Christmas Eve Services at 2 pm, 4 pm & 6 pm



This Sunday

The choir is scheduled to sing at 8 am and 9:30 am this Sunday. Please arrive to the music suite by 7:15 am to sing at 8 am and 9:15 am to sing at 9:30 am.

Future Events

Welcome Guests!



We want to say a special welcome to all of our guests this evening. If you are visiting with us for the first time we are so glad you have come to rehearsal. Please make

sure you fill out a guest card and pick up a guest packet along with a name tag. We hope you feel right at home. Please make sure to connect with Devon Poole at dpoole@sugarcreek.net if you have any questions for choir.

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New Member's Training and Fellowship on Wednesday, 10/20

If you are new to the choir or orchestra then please sign up to attend the new member's training with Tony on Wednesday, 10/20. We will then have a fellowship in your honor at the end of the night. To sign up email Devon at dpoole@sugarcreek.net.



Family Choir Night on Wednesday, September 29

Invite your family to come out to Family Choir Night on Wednesday, September 29. Middle school and high school students are included! Then we will invite them to sing with us on Sunday, October 3. Please let Devon know if you have family attending by emailing to dpoole@sugarcreek.net.

Care Groups on Wednesday, September 22

We are scheduled to have care groups on Wednesday, September 22 towards the end of rehearsal. This is an important time where we will meet in our small groups for encouragement and prayer. There will be lists available the night of to let you know what group you are in.

