

6:30 – 6:40am: Praise Song

-During this time, we will learn a new praise song that invites us to open our hearts before God

Worth It All – Worship Central

<https://youtu.be/Yi3v0KKqmu4?si=C54-YU6FSUkzhTpY>

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All I am, Lord, here before You
Reaching out for more
You're the promise never failing
You are my reward
You are my reward

I let go of all I have
Just to have all of You
And no matter what the cost
I will follow You
Jesus, everything I've lost
I have found in You
When I finally reach the end I'll say
You are worth it all

There's no riches
Earthly treasure
That will satisfy
Every longing for You, Jesus
Set this heart on fire
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When I'm there in Your glorious presence
Every knee is bowed before You
Hear the sound of heaven singing
You are worth it all

All the saints cry Holy Holy
Angels singing worthy worthy
Forever I will shout Your praises
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Jesus Christ, my living hope

6:40 – 6:50am: Scripture Reading & Devotional

Today's reading comes from [John 17:12-26](#).

To review, John 14,15,16 are the last words Jesus offers to his disciples. Chapter 17 is the prayer Jesus prays over them to God.

So, this morning, we continue in Jesus' prayer. At first Jesus prayed that God be glorified so that all might see and believe that may have eternal life.

I asked the question, what would Jesus pray for. And here in John is one of the few recorded prayers of Jesus. We know the Lord's Prayer well. We don't pay attention to this one much.

So let's see what Jesus prays for.

Here in these verses Jesus prays for joy (v.13), for protection (v.15), that we be sanctified (v. 17) and be sent into the world (v. 18). Lastly, Jesus prays once again for unity (v.21, 22, 23)

His prayer seems similar to ours. And hopefully, this will give us some comfort knowing that Jesus is also praying for us. If we have ever felt doubtful and wondered if God listens to us, then sure we can know that God is listening to Jesus. And Jesus is praying for us.

Jesus prays that we would have joy made complete. And notice where this joy will come from – it comes from having the words as Jesus spoke and taught. Our joy comes from knowing the Bible that points us towards God. Jesus prays for our protection. He even specifically states that we are not taken out of the world but instead protected. This means that we are not spared the challenges and struggles of this life, but that we can go through them with the protection of God.

Jesus prays that we be sanctified and sent out into the world. This verse rings deeply within me. This is my life's mission. To be sanctified in the truth is to be made holy by Jesus. And holy is less about morality as it is about being different. Different from the world, no longer believing the deceptions. Different from the world, no longer bound by fear. Different from the world, freed to love as Jesus loved – serving and being last and dedicating our lives to minister to others. All of this only possible by Jesus. And having drawn strength and ability from Jesus, we are sent out into the world, to point towards God. Just like Jesus did.

Jesus ends his prayer with praying for unity. And it's not a conforming kind of unity. Not one where's it's all the same, but the unity that Jesus and God have. Where Jesus knows God's plan and purpose because God told him. God knows Jesus because God sent Jesus. There is the Holy Spirit that brings them together. So may the Holy Spirit bring us together. That we work together to do what God has sent us out to do – to share Jesus and to love like Jesus.

This is what Jesus prays for. Let's make it our own prayer, too.

6:50 – 7:10am: Prayer

First, pray for peace across the world. Pray for the end of war and violence. For the end of bloodshed and conflict. For lasting peace and reconciliation. For the restoration and rebuilding of broken communities.

Secondly, pray for our country and community. That our community may thrive. That we may come together and work together to build up our community, so that all who live, work, and play here may have all that they need to thrive.

Thirdly, pray for our church and our ministries. That we might make a difference in our communities, shining the light and hope of Jesus in all that we say and do.

Lastly, pray that we might Jesus' prayer. For joy, for protection, to be sanctified and sent out into the world, for unity.

7:10 – to whenever: Personal prayer time

-During this time, there will be gentle instrumental music that will play in the background and all are invited to stay as long as they wish in prayerful posture, lifting up everything into God's hands.