

# Service for The Lord's Day

## July 12, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

*These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. – Hebrews 11:13-16*

***By Faith We Gather & Affirm that Our Hope Is Sure***

### Prelude

### Greetings and Church Family News

### Call to Worship

**Psalm 37:1:1-11**

*Leader: Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.*

*Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

*Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.*

*Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.*

***By Faith We Draw Near to God, Believing in Him***

### Songs of Praise

Justin Luevano

“Made Alive” & “Goodness of God”

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### Family Prayer

Kathy Ludwig

### Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon & Song of Response

### Time of Offering

**Offertory** “Talkin’ ‘Bout Jesus” – Gerry Dunlap

**\*Doxology (#592) and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***By Faith We Understand that All Is Made by The Word of God***

### Scripture Reading:

**Hebrews 11**

### Message:

Elder Ian Bullard

“The Desirability of Faith”

*(Hard-to-Find Heroes, Hard-to-Forget Faith #2)*

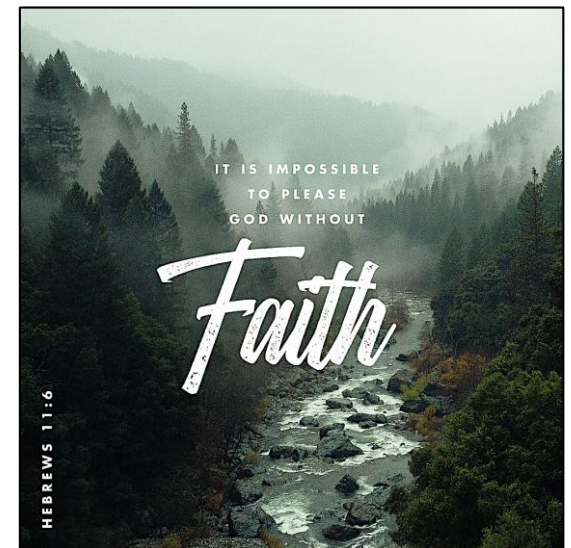
***We Go Forth in Faith as Is Pleasing to God***

**Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

**Closing Hymn** “It Is Well with My Soul”

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**



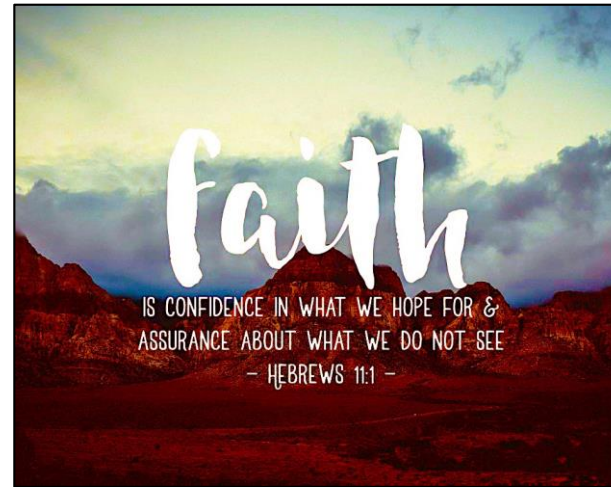
# The Desirability of Faith

*(Hard-to-Find Heroes, Hard-to-Forget Faith #2)*

## Hebrews 11

*Nothing is more desirable to desire than God.*

Notes:



*"The Christian says, 'Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water. Men feel sexual desire: well, there is such a*

*thing as sex. If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or to be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other, never to mistake them for the something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that country and to help others to do the same.'"*

*- C. S. Lewis*

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