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Prelude

Call to Worship

Worship Through Singing *Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*
(#85) *At The Cross*
(#291) *'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus*

Family Time

Prayer

Worship Through Giving

Scripture Reading

Worship Through Singing *Knowing You*

Message from God's Word

Closing Prayer

Postlude

Activities this week

Today	9:00am	Worship Service
	10:20am	Sunday School
Wednesday	9:00am	Jail Ministry –FDL County for Women
	6:30pm	Awana and Youth Group

Announcements

International Workers this month: “J and J” in Mideast

This week pray for “J and J” with the following requests:

- To be very present in the lives of those the Father has brought to us
- To abide ever closely to our Father
- To have wisdom to know when our Father is calling us to return to the States, and then to know where to live and what to do when we return. (We are anticipating this will happen in the next 5 years but we want to be sensitive to our Father’s leading.)
- Pray for our marriage to remain strong—filled with laughter, love and forgiveness
- Pray for our health to remain strong

Welcome to our speaker for today, Tim Neargarth. He serves as Pastoral Assistant at Plymouth Alliance Church.

Next Ladies’ Prayer: Monday, October 7 at 9:30am at Vilma’s house,

Missions Festival: Friday, November 8 thru Sunday, November 11.

Assisted Listening Devices are available at the information center. Contact sound booth personnel with any questions.

Children’s Church is for children age 4 through 6th grade. Children can leave before the message.

Ushers for today: Don Bong and Reuel Loritz
Ushers for next week: Clint Gerlach and Ron Straub
Sound System for today: Carol Erdmann
Sound System for next week: David Schneider
Church cleaning this week: Carol Erdmann

Hope for Skeptics

Randy Kilgore

So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please.

Isaiah 55:11

As a workplace chaplain, I'm privileged to be in conversation with many different people. Some are skeptics of the Christian faith. I've discovered three major hurdles that keep them from trusting in Christ for salvation.

The first barrier, surprisingly, isn't an unwillingness to believe that God exists; instead some doubt that they're important enough for God's attention. Second, some believe they are unworthy of His forgiveness. People are often their own harshest judges. The third hurdle? They wonder why God is not communicating with them if He is out there.

Let's work backward through the hurdles to see what God's Word says. First, God doesn't play head games. He promises that if we read His Word, He will make sure it accomplishes His purpose (Isaiah 55:11). In other words, if we read it we will discover that God *is* communicating with us. This is precisely why the Bible speaks so often of His grace and mercy toward all (v. 7). His willingness to forgive surpasses our own. Once we learn that we can hear God in the Bible and once we see the emphasis on His mercy, it becomes easier to believe we have His attention when we cry out to Him.

God's story is amazing. It can give hope for all of us.

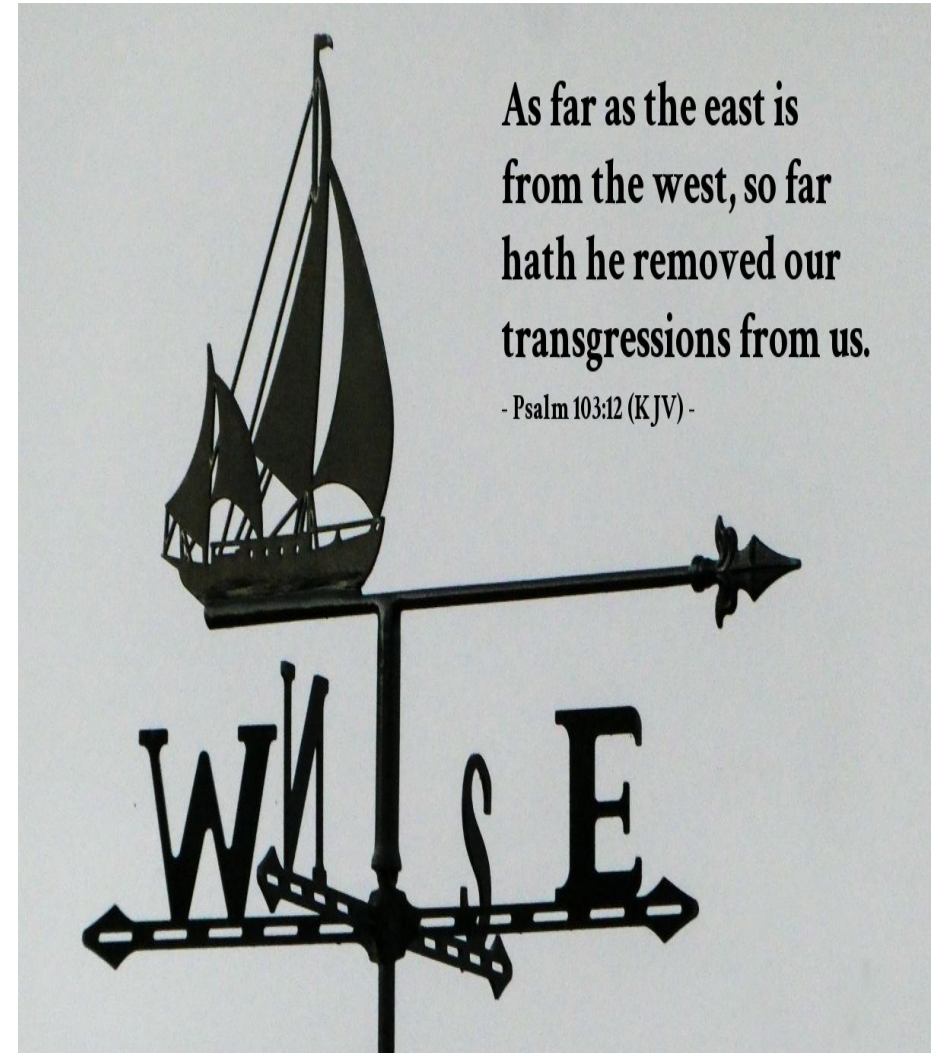
There can be times when one's mind is in doubt,

Times when one asks what the faith is about;

But we can believe Him, we know that He cares—

Our God is real, as the Bible declares.

—Fitzhugh



Honest skepticism can be the first step to a strong faith.