

**August 13, 2017**  
 (\*indicates standing as you are able.)

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORUS "As We Gather" Mike Fay & Tom Coomes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 18:1-13  
*I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.*

\*HYMN "Holy. Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" 64

\*PRAYER

\*GREETING EACH OTHER

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

LAMBS' TALK "Where Children Belong" 223

SPECIAL MUSIC Jorgan Land

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

Offertory ""

\*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 94

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

\* The Offertory Prayer

\*HYMN "Open Our Eyes" 208

SCRIPTURE Revelation 2:1-7

SERMON Returning to Our First Love and First Things

\*HYMN "Standing on the Promises" 374

\*THE BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

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Serving in worship this morning:

Rev. Steven M. Livermore Pastor  
 Mrs. Alana Lemons Worship Leader  
 Mr. Robby Edwards Organist

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Revelation 2:1-7

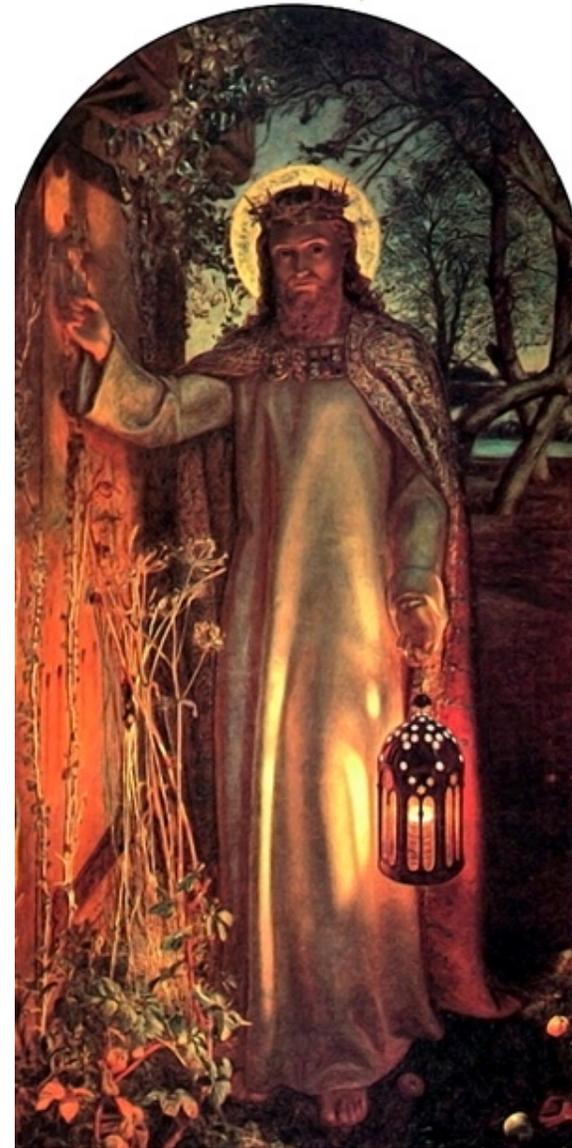
“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. 2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. 4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. 6 But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

**Notes:**

**While doing right things is good, it is not the most important element of a vibrant relationship with Christ.**

**Forgetting our first love for Christ causes drift.**

**Repentance and re-establishing the basics elements of a relationship with Jesus is the beginning of spiritual restoration.**



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