



JUNE 21, 2020 — FATHER'S DAY

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*By me kings rule, and princes issue righteous decrees.  
By me rulers govern, and officials judge righteously.*  
Proverbs 8:15–16 CEB

♪ Let the Waters Rise [\(lyrics\)](#)

♪ More Love, More Power [\(lyrics\)](#)

Reconciliation with God

*Who will bring a charge against God's elect people? It is God who acquits them. Who is going to convict them? It is Christ Jesus who died, even more, who was raised, and who also is at God's right side. It is Christ Jesus who also pleads our case for us.*  
Romans 8:33–34 CEB

... In Christ you are forgiven.

**R Thanks be to God!**

♪ Jesus, Friend of Sinners [\(lyrics\)](#)

Sharing the Peace

... The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**R And also with you.**

Time with Young Disciples

## The Offering

The earth is the LORD's and everything in it,  
the world and its inhabitants too.

Psalm 24:1 CEB

## Prayers of the People and 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.**

## Scriptures (see program insert)

## Message

“Christians and Civil Authority”  
Counter Culture, Part 2

## Song

 God of the Ages

[\(lyrics + music\)](#)

## Blessing & Sending

*We help people trust Jesus for a better life*

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## Christians and Civil Authority Counter-Culture, Part 2

### “NATURAL” APPROACHES INVITE CHAOS AND VIOLENCE

God isn't a God of disorder but of peace.

1 Corinthians 14:33 CEB

In those days there was no king in Israel; each person did what they thought to be right.

Judges 21:25 CEB

“You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you that you must not oppose those who want to hurt you. If people slap you on your right cheek, you must turn the left cheek to them as well.”

Matthew 5:38-39 CEB

Then Jesus said to him, “Put the sword back into its place. All those who use the sword will die by the sword.”

Matthew 26:52 CEB

### GOD PROVIDES STRUCTURES OF AUTHORITY

If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. Don't try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. ... Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

Romans 12:18-19, 21 CEB

Every person should place themselves under the authority of the government. There isn't any authority unless it comes from God, and the authorities that are there have been put in place by God.

Romans 13:1 CEB

For the sake of the Lord submit to every human institution. Do this whether it means submitting to the emperor as supreme ruler, or to governors as those sent by the emperor. They are sent to punish those doing evil and to praise those doing good.

1 Peter 2:13-14 CEB

He said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?”  
“Caesar's,” they replied.

Jesus said to them, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

Mark 12:17 CEB

The authorities don't frighten people who are doing the right thing. Rather, they frighten people who are doing wrong. Would you rather not be afraid of authority? Do what's right, and you will receive its approval. It is God's servant given for your benefit. But if you do what's wrong, be afraid because it doesn't have weapons to enforce the law for nothing.

Romans 13:3-4 CEB

## WHEN AUTHORITIES ACT UNJUSTLY

“Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it’s done in heaven.” Matthew 6:10 CEB

Then the LORD said, “I’ve clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I’ve heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain.” Exodus 3:7 CEB

While Peter was held in prison, the church offered earnest prayer to God for him. Acts 12:5 CEB

First of all, then, I ask that requests, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving be made for all people. Pray for kings and everyone who is in authority so that we can live a quiet and peaceful life in complete godliness and dignity. 1 Timothy 2:1–2 CEB

“You are that man!” Nathan told David. 2 Samuel 12:7 CEB

Take away the noise of your songs; I won’t listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:23–24 CEB

Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of Herod’s brother Philip. That’s because John told Herod, “It’s against the law for you to marry her.” Matthew 14:3–4 CEB

Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and summoned Paul. He listened to him talk about faith in Christ Jesus. When he spoke about upright behavior, self-control, and the coming judgment, Felix became fearful and said, “Go away for now! When I have time, I’ll send for you.” Acts 24:24–25 CEB

Now the two midwives respected God so they didn’t obey the Egyptian king’s order. Instead, they let the baby boys live. Exodus 1:17 CEB

“Then, even though it’s against the law, I will go to the king; and if I am to die, then die I will.” Esther 4:16 CEB

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar: “... we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you’ve set up.” Daniel 3:16–18 CEB

Peter and John responded, “It’s up to you to determine whether it’s right before God to obey you rather than God.” Acts 4:19–20 CEB

Christ has set us free for freedom. Therefore, stand firm and don’t submit to the bondage of slavery again. Galatians 5:1 CEB

As Jesus came to the city and observed it, he wept over it. He said, “...The time will come when your enemies will build fortifications around you, encircle you, and attack you from all sides.” Luke 19:41,43 CEB