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We Are Honored by Your Presence

Sunday, July 27, 2025 - 10:30 A.M.

Theme: "Pause To Live Free"

#### **OPENING SONG:**

Worship Leader: Elder Raquel Wilkinson

Welcome, Roseville family! Today we conclude our "Pause to Level Up" series with the ultimate fruit of spiritual formation: freedom. We pause to live free. Paul reminds us that in Christ, we are no longer bound by shame or striving—we live as new creation, free to be who God created us to be.

Let's center ourselves in the freedom Christ has won for us as we worship together.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Elder Wilkinson (Ask Congregants to Stand if Able)

Leader: When shame tries to define us,

Congregation: We remember we are free in Christ.

**Leader:** When guilt holds us captive,

**Congregation:** We live in the freedom of grace.

**Leader:** When fear limits our faith,

**Congregation:** We step boldly into God's calling!

**Leader:** In this place of liberation,

**All:** We are free—and we level up in grace!

Let's worship the God who has set us free and calls us to live in that freedom!

#### \*SONG OF WORSHIP

As we worship, let's pray for the courage to live in the freedom Christ has given us.

## **MORNING PRAYER | INVOCATION:**

(Lay Leader – Not In Unison) Elder Wilkinson

God of Freedom, through Christ You have broken every chain that binds us—shame, guilt, fear, and condemnation. You call us to pause and embrace our identity as Your beloved children, free to love, serve, and become all You created us to be. Help us live in

this freedom and teach us to level up in grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Good morning and welcome! We're so glad you've joined us for worship—whether you're here in person or part of our online community. A special welcome to our first-time guests—we're honored you're with us today!

If you're worshipping with us—whether in the sanctuary or online—we'd love to know you're here. There's a QR code on your connection card and on the screen for online worshippers. Take a moment to scan the code and register your attendance.

We're especially excited to connect with our growing online family—we want to support you, pray for you, and grow together spiritually every week.

If you're online, don't forget to subscribe to our YouTube channel or like our Facebook page for updates and devotionals. For those in person, use the connection card to share prayer requests or get involved in ministry. Drop it in the offering plate or basket as you exit.

Now, let's greet one another—wave to your neighbors here, and online worshippers, drop a greeting in the chat! We're grateful for each of you. Let's continue in worship as the choir blesses us in song.

## **SELECTION AFTER WELCOME |**

Congregation Friendly | ("Glad to Be in the Service")

#### \*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\*\*

#### \*PASTORAL CONCERNS

(Mission statement)

We believe God is calling the Roseville Presbyterian Church to be:

"A welcoming congregation committed to respond to Christ's call to nurture and develop leaders, engage and embrace our community through worship, service, and love while passionately spreading the gospel to impact lives."

#### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER\***

Today, we pray for all who struggle to live in the freedom Christ has given—that they might break free from shame, guilt, and fear to embrace their identity as beloved children of God.

# PRAYER RESPONSE (SONG/MEDLEY)

**MUSIC SELECTION** 

**OFFERING** 

**Call for Offering** 

Elder Wilkinson

When we pause to live in the freedom Christ has given us, we discover the joy of generous living. Out of gratitude for our liberation, we give freely to support God's work of freedom for others.

## **OFFERTORY SELECTION**

\*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...."

**Prayer of Dedication** 

Elder Wilkinson

God of liberation, take these gifts and use them to set others free—from poverty, oppression, and spiritual bondage. Let this offering be a sign of our freedom in Christ, and may it fuel Your work of liberation in our community and world. Amen. Let us hear Paul's powerful reminder of the freedom we have in Christ and our call to live in that liberty.

#### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

Colossians 2:6–15, (16–19) (NRSV)

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them

in it. <sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

After this next selection we will be blessed with a message from our own Rev. Touré Marshall

SERMONIC SELECTION

Choir

SERMON:

Rev. Touré Marshall

## "Pause to Live Free"

(How pausing to embrace our identity in Christ leads to the ultimate level up: living in freedom and grace.)

#### **CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

God is calling you to live in the freedom Christ has won for you—to pause and embrace your identity as

His beloved child, free from shame and striving. Will you level up by living free today?

#### BENEDICTION

Go forth free and fearless. May God remind you daily of your identity in Christ, strengthen you to live in that freedom, and use your liberation to set others free. You have leveled up in grace—now go live like it! Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN:**

\*POSTLUDE.

\*Signifies all who are able; please stand.
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