

Worship at First Christian Church

October 19, 2014

Call To Worship *Isaiah 61:1-3*

*God of Wonders
Shout to the Lord*

Sharing the Lord's Supper

Always and Forever
Chancel Choir

*Mighty is the Cross
Jesus Paid It All*

Worship through Giving

Doxology

Children's Church (Ages 4-8)

(Parents, please gather your children from the playground after service)

Scripture: Acts 27

Message from the Word: *"The God of Storms"*

Pastor Jeromy Emerling

Closing Song: *Lord, You're Beautiful*

"The God of Storms"

Acts 27

Big idea: The formation of the church in Acts shows us that God is in complete control and that He shapes even the hard things for His glory and our good.

par-a-dox 'perə, dāks/ *noun*- A seemingly absurd or self-contradictory statement that when investigated or explained may prove to be well founded or true.

Paradox of Pain: Suffering shapes the Christian and increases God's glory.

Suffering in Acts:

- Persecution and martyrdom
- Church conflict

The result of suffering in Acts:

- The Gospel spreads
- The Church becomes healthier

Paradox of Power: God uses the weak things of the world to demonstrate his power.

The Way should not have survived. But God knew what He was doing, and demonstrated His power through the most unlikely people and circumstances.

com-mis-sion kə' miSHən/*noun*- An instruction, command, or duty given to a person or group of people.

The Believers' Commission in Acts: Practice the presence of God in all circumstances.

Questions for reflection:

1. How are you practicing the presence of God in your present struggles?
2. Has the book of Acts reshaped how you view "church"? If so, how?