**Scattered flock church March 20 2023**  **Knowing Christ**

**Bible verses: Eph.1: 15-17**

15Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God’s people everywhere,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Eph.1%3A15-17&version=NLT#fen-NLT-29182a)] 16I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, 17asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you the Spirit of wisdom[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Eph.1%3A15-17&version=NLT#fen-NLT-29184b)] and revelation so that you may know Him better. NIV

**Song: Knowing You**

All I once held dear, built my life upon, all the world reveres and wars to own, all I once thought gain I have counted loss, spent and worthless now compared to this: **Refrain**: Knowing You, Jesus, Knowing You, there is no greater thing. You’re my all, You’re the best, You’re my joy and righteousness, and I love you Lord.

Now my heart’s desire is to know you more, to be found in you and known as yours. To possess by faith what I could not earn, all surpassing gift of righteousness. **Refrain.**

Oh to know the power of your risen life and to know you in your sufferings. To become like you in your death, my Lord, so with you to live and never die. **Refrain.** (words and music: Graham Kendrick)

**Prayer:**

Open our minds and hearts, Lord, so we CAN grow in our knowledge and love of You. Free us from the cariactures that blind us to Your immense love and boundless mercy. May our growing knowledge of You increasingly transform our lives. For the sake of Your glory. Amen.