

WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM – April 21st, 2024 – 10:15am

Steadfastness & God's Glory

Welcome: [Pastor Steve]

- Fellowship meal and Quarter Progress Meeting today following the service
- Scripture Focus: Revelation 2:8-11
- Service focus: Steadfastness in trial for the Glory of God

ACRIBE GLORY TO GOD

Scripture Call to Worship: Psalm 29:1-11 [Pastor Steve]

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

³The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many waters.

⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Congregational Song: To God Be the Glory [Sing stanzas 1,2]

To God be the glory - great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood -
To every believer, the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

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Congregational Song: Jesus is Lord [Sing all 4 stanzas]

Jesus is Lord
The cry that echoes through creation
Resplendent pow'r eternal Word our Rock
The Son of God
The King whose glory fills the heavens
Yet bids us come to taste this living bread

Jesus is Lord
Whose voice sustains the stars and planets
Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown
Jesus the man
Who washed our feet who bore our suffering
Became a curse to bring salvation's plan

Jesus is Lord
The tomb is gloriously empty
Not even death could crush this King of love
The price is paid
The chains are loosed and we're forgiven
And we can run into the arms of God

Jesus is Lord
A shout of joy a cry of anguish
As He returns and every knee bows low
Then every eye
And every heart will see His glory
The judge of all will take His children home

STEADFASTNESS IN TRIAL FOR GOD'S GLORY

Scripture: I Peter 4:12-19 [Pastor Bernie]

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory^[b] and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?¹⁸ And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"^[c] ¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Prayer: That we would grasp the truth of I Peter 4:12-19 [Pastor Bernie]

Congregational Song: It is Well [Sing 1,2, chorus, 3,4 chorus]

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well, (It is well), with my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well, (It is well), with my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

It is well, (It is well), with my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Message: Revelation 2:8-11 [Pastor Steve]

To the Church in Smyrna

⁸ *“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.*

⁹ *“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander^{al} of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’*

Congregational Response: When Trials Come [sing all stanzas]

When trials come no longer fear
For in the pain our God draws near
To fire a faith worth more than gold
And there his faithfulness is told
And there his faithfulness is told

Within the night I know your peace
The breath of God brings strength to me
And new each morning mercy flows
As treasures of the darkness grow
As treasures of the darkness grow

I turn to wisdom not my own
For every battle you have known
My confidence will rest in you
Your love endures, your ways are good
Your love endures, your ways are good

When I am weary with the cost
I see the triumph of the cross
So in its shadow I shall run
Til you complete the work begun
Til you complete the work begun

One day all things will be made new
I'll see the hope you called me to
And in your kingdom paved with gold
I'll praise your faithfulness of old
I'll praise your faithfulness of old

Instructions for fellowship meal setup and progress meeting [Pastor Steve]