

We are a body of believers
called by the Holy Spirit
transformed by the Gospel to enjoy and glorify God
as we proclaim the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Sunday, May 31, 2020

# Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Saule Garcia

PRELUDE Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

#### PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship, and reflect on Jeremiah 24:7,

"I will give them a heart to know that I am the LORD, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart."

**♦**CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Ben

Psalm 24:7-10

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

People: that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory? **People: The LORD, strong and mighty,** 

the LORD, mighty in battle!

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

People: that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory? All: The LORD of hosts,

he is the King of glory!

**+**PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

**+**SONG OF ADORATION *This Is My Father's World* (Hymn #111) *Congregation* (Babcock, Sheppard)

#### DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Erik Haaland

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Worship begins where spiritual life begins - with God's call. Appropriately, we respond with prayers and songs of adoration.

God's law reveals God's righteous requirement. We confess our failure to keep God's law, and joyfully receive the good news of what God has done for us in Christ.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Holy and merciful God,

in your presence we confess our offenses against you.

People: You alone know how often

we have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts, and forgotten your love.

Leader: Father, forgive us our sins, and help us to live in your light

and to walk in your way,

and hear now our prayers of silent personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

## PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Erik Haaland

Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

### PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Erik Haaland

Congregation

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

**+**SONG OF THANKSGIVING At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

(Tomlin, Redman)

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 Pastor Ben

SERMON Life and Work as Expressions of Love Pastor Ben

**†**SONG OF RESPONSE Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Hymn #32) Congregation

(Chisholm, Runyan)

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

**†**BENEDICTION Pastor Ben

**+**SONG OF BLESSING Gloria Patri (Hymn #735) Congregation

POSTLUDE Saule Garcia

be faithful stewards of God's Word. Therefore, we eagerly and unashamedly read and proclaim the whole counsel of Scripture.

We are called to

Having received God's blessing, we depart blessing the name of the Lord

# Sermon Notes

# Life and Work as Expressions of Love

May 31, 2020

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

## **Prayer**

#### **Pray for Our Church**

*Youth* - Pray for the youth and youth leaders as they make plans to serve in June with Hope for Opelousas, an inner city ministry in Opelousas, LA.

#### Pray for Our Congregation

Eldon & Virginia Faries - management of blood pressure & blood sugar, and increased strength; healing of respiratory issues

Jeanne Maddy - complete healing of elbow following a fall

#### Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, *Army, Georgia* Christian Cory, *Army, New York* 

#### Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University
Ian Allan, Calvin University
Zach Allan, Tarleton State University
Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University
Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University
Jacob Kerr, Texas A&M University

Chris Dietz, *Navy Reserves, Kingsville, Texas* Shawn Maya, *Spring Fire Department* 

Matthew Kooiman, *Olivet Nazarene University*Aaron Lewis, *Texas Tech University*Lauren Steagall, *University of Houston*AJ Tousha, *Lone Star College*Naomi Tousha, *University of Houston* 

#### Pray for Families and Friends

Paul & Arlene Rodney's friend, *Dennis Thompson* - peace and comfort following the passing of his wife, Kay after 50 years of marriage; salvation for family members

Ashley Lin's brother, *Ben and Heather's family* - for peace and comfort following the passing of Heather Kristen Chandler's brother, *Matt Stoddard* - complete healing and recovery from heart surgery

Bill & Sue Dietz' son, *Jeff*, and *grandson* - PRAISE - Jeff's surgery went well, pray for recovery; grandson is healed from reflux

Cheri Hoke (ABU missionary) - peace and comfort following the passing of her brother, Mark

Pete Rivera's aunt, Lucas Santos (age 90) - recovery and strength following leg amputation (at the knee)

Rita Rivera's nephew, *Steven, and sister, Juanita* - Pray for complete recovery, he is slightly responsive but has a long way to go. Pray for strength for Juanita as she cares for him

Lee Joseph's wife, Carolyn - relief from nerve pain following elbow surgery

Margaret Gerrard's mother, *Helen Beaulac* (age 99) - strength and clarity of mind during recovery from hip surgery

Jess McGlothlin's mother, Karen - remission from cancer and healing from side effects of radiation

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter, *Rebecca Cooper* - healing of kidney disease (stage 5), strength while awaiting kidney transplant

#### Pray for our Expectant Mother

Jess McGlothlin due in October

Ashley Lin due in November

#### Pray for our Missionary of the Month

*Julian Zugg - MINTS* - successful translation of curriculum into Russian; MINTS students' work would continue and be profitable; provision of needed books; completion of website and database tracking projects

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- Please complete a connect/prayer card located in the pew in front of you.

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