

January 17, 2021

10:30 AM

GOD CALLS AND CLEANSSES US

Prelude

Worship Singing

Our God Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1-2

LEADER: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Singing

Our God Our Help in Ages Past

A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood,
and lost in following years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Our Help in Ages Past

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Confession of Sin

Leader: Most merciful Father,
We have sinned against and are guilty before you.
Forgive us for the sins of our tongues:

All: **for deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others;**
for resentment, coldness, impatience, and tempers out of control.

Leader: Forgive us for the sins of our eyes:

All: **for impurity in our glances and imagination, for pining after more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth than You have already given us.**

Leader: Forgive us for the sins of our hearts:

All: **for hard-heartedness toward You and our neighbors; for pride, self-absorption, self-pity; and above all for rebelling against Your Lordship and doubting Your love.**

Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride, melt our hearts.

**Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, and pure,
to live for You and not for ourselves,
to be transformed into Your likeness.**

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:3-7

LEADER: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-3; Acts 17:1-9 Joe Mullen
*Paul and the Gospel Ministry***

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; ³constantly keeping in mind your work of faith and labor of love and perseverance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father.

Acts 17:1-9

Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ² And according to Paul's custom, he visited them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ." ⁴ And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large number of the God-fearing Greeks and a significant number of the leading women. ⁵ But the Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the marketplace, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar; and they attacked the house of Jason and were seeking to bring them out to the people. ⁶ When they did not find them, they began dragging Jason and some brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have upset the world have come here also; ⁷ and Jason has welcomed them, and they all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." ⁸ They stirred up the crowd and the city authorities who heard these things. ⁹ And when they had received a pledge from Jason and the others, they released them.

I. The Founding of the Church at Thessalonica

II. The Framework for Spiritual Growth

GOD SENDS US

Closing Song

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

REFRAIN

*Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more!*

*Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

REFRAIN

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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HIS MERCY IS MORE

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