

February 21 2021

10:30 AM

GOD CALLS US

Prelude

Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

Following the service, our elders are available to listen to any concerns you may have and to pray with you.

Weekly prayer meeting is held every Wednesday from 6:30-7:15.

Call to Worship

Matthew 11:27-30

LEADER: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

ALL: **We bring all of who we are to find rest in all of who you are, O Christ!**

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Singing

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter fairer be

O Joy that sleekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee.
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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GOD CLEANSSES US

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Acts 4:11-12

LEADER: Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders,
which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in
no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given
among men by which we must be saved.

Prayer for the Church and the World

Worship through Giving

Online giving: text any dollar amount to 84321

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

1 Thessalonians 2 (Part 3)
Thriving in Adversity

Chuck Linkston

For you yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our reception among you was not in vain, ² but after we had already suffered and been treated abusively in Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the gospel of God amid much opposition. ³ For our exhortation does not come from error or impurity or by way of deceit; ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not intending to please people, but to please God, who examines our hearts. ⁵ For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is our witness— ⁶ nor did we seek honor from people, either from you or from others, though we could have asserted our authority as apostles of Christ. ⁷ But we proved to be gentle among you. As a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children, ⁸ in the same way we had a fond affection for you and were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.

⁹For you recall, brothers and sisters, our labor and hardship: it was by working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, that we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and so is God, of how devoutly and rightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; ¹¹ just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, ¹² so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

¹³For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of mere men, but as what it really is, the word of God, which also is at work in you who believe. ¹⁴For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews, ¹⁵ who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out. They are not pleasing to God, but hostile to all people, ¹⁶ hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved; with the result that they always reach the limit of their sins. But wrath has come upon them fully.

¹⁷But we, brothers and sisters, having been orphaned from you by absence for a short while—in person, not in spirit—were all the more eager with great desire to see your face. ¹⁸For we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, more than once—and Satan hindered us. ¹⁹For who is our hope, or joy or crown of pride, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? Or is it not indeed you? ²⁰For you are our glory and joy.

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Musical Offering

It Is Well

Sung by Julie Harrison

Kristene DiMarco

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(Gluten-free wafers are in the cups with printing on the top.)

*After partaking of the Lord's Supper,
Feel free to join Julie in the final chorus of: It is well*

It is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul.

It is well. It is well with my soul.

Repeat

GOD SENDS US

Closing Songs

Nothing But the Blood

(Plainfield) [Lyrics][Default Arrangement] by Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

REFRAIN: O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see
—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea
—nothing but the blood of Jesus. **REFRAIN**

Nothing can for sin atone
—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done
—nothing but the blood of Jesus. **REFRAIN**

This is all my hope and peace
—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness
—nothing but the blood of Jesus. **REFRAIN**

Now by this I'll overcome
—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home
—nothing but the blood of Jesus. **REFRAIN**

REFRAIN: Heal us, Emmanuel.

Here we are.

We long to feel Thy touch.

Deep wounded souls, to Thee we fly.

O Savior hear our cry

Our faith is feeble, we confess.

We faintly trust Thy word.

But will You pity us the less?

Be that far from You Lord!

REFRAIN

Remember him who once applied

With trembling for relief.

"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried,

"O help my unbelief!"

REFRAIN

She, too, who touched you in the press,

And healing virtue stole.

Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace.

"Thy faith has made thee whole."

REFRAIN

Like her, with hopes and fears we come

To touch You if we may.

O send us not despairing home.

Send none unhealed away.

REFRAIN x 2

HEAL US

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God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing