

**October 17, 2021**

**9:30 AM**

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**GOD CALLS US**

**\*Gathering Song**

*God Is for Us*

Farren/Ferguson/Tranter/Reeves/Robinson/Tealy/Thompson

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night.  
We will walk the valley with You by our side.  
You will go before us; you will lead the way.  
We have found a refuge; only You can save.

*Refrain:*

*Sing with joy now; our God is for us.  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress!  
Raise your voice now; no love is greater.  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us?!*

Even when I stumble, even when I fall,  
even when I turn back, still Your love is sure.  
You will not abandon, You will not forsake.  
You will cheer me onward with never-ending grace.

*Refrain*

[2x]

Neither height nor depth can separate us.  
Hell and death will not defeat us.  
He who gave His Son to free us  
holds me in His love.

*Refrain x 2*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Silent Preparation**

## Responsive Reading

Colossians 3:12-15

LEADER: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against one another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

PEOPLE: **And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.**

### \*Prayer of Invocation

### \*Song of Praise

Andrews

*Colossians 3*

#### *Refrain:*

*As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
holy and beloved of the Father,  
let us clothe ourselves with hearts of His compassion,  
forgiving one another in His love.*

So set your minds on things above,  
where Jesus hides you in His love.  
Let your old ways be crucified;  
it was for this our Savior died.

#### *Refrain*

Now we are heirs of God above;  
we share the riches of His love.  
Let us be patient when we speak,  
and through His pow'r may we be meek.

#### *Refrain*

Now in one Body we are found,  
when by His cords of love we're bound.  
This binding love, it sets us free...  
turns our discord to harmony!

*Refrain x 2*

...forgiving one another in His love.  
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## **GOD CLEANSSES US**

### **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

*adapted from*

The Valley of Vision, "Freedom," p. 56

MEN: O HOLY FATHER, you have freely given your Son,

**WOMEN: O DIVINE SON, you have freely paid our debts,**

MEN: O ETERNAL SPIRIT, you have freely bid us come,

**WOMEN: O TRIUNE GOD, you freely grace us with salvation.**

MEN: Prayers and tears could not suffice to pardon our sins, nor anything less than atoning blood,

**WOMEN: but our believing is our receiving, for a thankful acceptance is no paying of the debt.**

MEN: What did you see in us? that we poor, diseased, despised sinners should be clothed in thy bright glory?

**WOMEN: that creeping worms should be advanced to this high state?**

MEN: that beings of dust and darkness should be taken like Mordecai from captivity, and set next to the king?

**WOMEN: should be lifted like Daniel from a den and made ruler of princes and provinces?**

MEN: Who can fathom immeasurable love? As far as the rational soul exceeds the senses, so does the spirit exceed the rational in its knowledge of you.

**WOMEN: You have given us understanding to compass the earth, measure the sun, moon, stars, universe, but above all to know you, the only true God.**

MEN: We marvel that the finite can know the Infinite, here a little, afterwards in full-orbed truth;

**WOMEN: Now we know but a small portion of what we shall know,**

MEN: here in part, there in perfection,

**WOMEN: here a glimpse, there a glory.**

ALL: To enjoy you is life eternal, and to enjoy is to know. Keep us in the freedom of experiencing your salvation continually.

LEADER: Let the words of our mouths,

PEOPLE: **and the meditations of our hearts**

LEADER: be acceptable in your sight, O LORD,

ALL: **our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-2

LEADER: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

### \*Song of Thanksgiving

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Vaughan Williams

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down, and drink, and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto Me; your morn shall rise, and all your days be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

## Worship Through Giving

Online giving: text any dollar amount to 84321

# GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

Galatians 5:1-15  
*Set Free for Freedom*

Rev. Rob Herron

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>2</sup> Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. <sup>3</sup> I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law.

<sup>4</sup> You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. <sup>7</sup> You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? <sup>8</sup> This persuasion is not from him who calls you. <sup>9</sup> A little leaven leavens the whole lump. <sup>10</sup> I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. <sup>11</sup> But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed.

<sup>12</sup> I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

<sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

# GOD STRENGTHENS US

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### \*Closing Song (CUP)

*Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Papa/Boswell/Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.  
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!  
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: He the perfect Son of Man,  
in His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man,  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory!  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold,  
bringing many sons to glory: grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous mystery: slain by death, the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord, He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

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## \*God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing