

Worship Guide 12/20/2020

Call to Worship

Psalm 136:1-3 (ESV)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Worshiping God by Singing

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

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

O Light that followest 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 seekest 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

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Worshiping God by Confessing Our Sins

Worshiping God by Confessing Our Hope *Hebrews 8:10-12 (ESV)*

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”

Worshiping God by Singing

Salvation Belongs To Our God

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb, praise and glory, wisdom, and thanks
Honor and power and strength

Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen

And we, the redeemed, shall be strong in purpose and unity
Declaring aloud,
Praise and glory, wisdom, and thanks
Honor and power and strength

Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen

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Prayer

Missionary of the Week:

United Ministries
Mark Champagne

Community Church of the Week:

First Baptist Church
Rev. Dan Barber

Presbytery Church of the Week:

Faith Presbyterian Church
Rev. Joseph Arnold

Worshiping God by Hearing His Word

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Sermon: *Expecting the Surprise*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But

since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Worshiping God by Singing

It Is Well With My Soul

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

It is well
with My soul
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
with My soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, O 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

It is well
with My soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

And Lord, haste the day when the 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
with My soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

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Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (ESV)

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.