



The Lord's Day ~ November 1, 2020

God Calls Us to Worship & Welcomes Us

Psalm 56:3-4

³When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

⁴In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

* Praising God in Song

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

1. We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2. We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
3. With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our tri - bute we bring.
through life's storm and tem - pest our Guide you have been.
to you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, es - cape you will make us,
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is be - side us;

we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of four systems. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a bass line with chords. The chords are indicated by letters above the notes: C, F, Dm7, G, C, Dm7, G, C, G, Am7, D7, G, C, D7, G, G7, C/E, Dm7, G7, C, F, G, C, Dm7, G7, C, F.

* Seeking God's Presence in Prayer

God Speaks through His Word

Psalm 91:1-7, 14-16

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

²**I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴**He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and a buckler.**

⁵You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

⁷**A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.**

¹⁴"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.

¹⁵When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

¹⁶**With long life I will satisfy him, and show him my salvation."**

Going to God in Prayer

**Bring hope, O Lord, to your suffering people.
In their anguish and pain, be their hope.**

**Bring hope O Lord, to your persecuted people.
In their despair, be their hope.**

**Bring hope, O Lord, to your needy people.
In their hunger and thirst, be their hope.**

**Bring hope, O Lord, to your dying people.
In the hour of death, be their hope.**

In the name of Jesus, our hope, Amen.

[A prayer by the International Director of Barnabas Aid, Dr. Patrick Sookhdeo]

Presenting & Dedicating Our Offerings to the Lord

Voice

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all crea-tures

7 here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and

15 Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

God Speaks through His Word

Hebrews 10:19-39

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

²⁶For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. ²⁸Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? ³⁰For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." ³¹It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

³²But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, ³³sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. ³⁴For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. ³⁵Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. ³⁷For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; ³⁸but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." ³⁹But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

“Confidence, Endurance, Reward”

November 1, 2020

There is always reason to be concerned about Christian persecution, and always one primary goal to be sought from the Lord in its midst.

Christian persecution, whether happening to you or someone else, produces a great conflict of sufferings.

Past endurance of persecution ought to provide present encouragement.

And yet, we still need admonishment never to throw away our confidence...

...which builds upon our faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ...

...which endures through the gracious means God has appointed...

...and which clings to the better and lasting possessions promised by God.

* Responding to God's Word in Song

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

John Fawcett (1782), Connie Dever (Chorus)

Connie Dever

1. Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, Your Sa - vior's gra - cious
 2. Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the con - flict
 3. Should per - se - cu - tion rage and flame, still trust in your Re -
 4. When called to bear your weigh - ty cross, or sore af - flic - tion,

pro - mise hear, His faith - ful Word, you can be - lieve, that as your days_ your
 should be long, the Lord will make the temp - ter flee, that as your days_ your
 deem - er's name; in fier - y tri - als you shall see, that as your days_ your
 pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress or po - ver - ty, still as your days_ your

1. strength shall be. (Repeat to Vs. 2)
 strength shall be. So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's
 strength shall be.
 strength shall be.

fierce, but the vic - tory's won; God shall sup - ply all that you
 need. Yes, as your days_ your strength shall be.

* God Dismisses Us with His Blessing

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Announcements

- This morning we take part with many other churches worldwide in the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**. Our worship service will focus on the issue of persecution. In addition, there will be a time of prayer for our suffering brothers and sisters around the world during Sunday School. *Voice of the Martyrs* and *Barnabas Aids*'s monthly magazines are available for the taking on the table in the foyer and in the fellowship hall. Please make use of the 8-day devotional booklet (Sunday Nov. 1st - Sunday, the 8th.)—this will enable us to pray throughout the week. A basket is on the table in the fellowship hall for your check or cash contributions to Barnabas Aid. Make your check out to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church with "Barnabas Aid" in the memo line. A reminder that classrooms have been arranged for social distancing, and are supplied with hand sanitizer. Masks are needed while moving throughout the building, but may be removed when seated in the classrooms.
- Our live stream evening devotional at 6 PM will continue the theme of concern for Christian persecution by studying Psalm 55 (with a focus on verse 22) with the title “God’s Amazing Promise & Our Vital Participation”.
- The Wednesday evening live stream devotional is 7 PM each week. Pastor Kisler is leading a study of the book of Esther. Please register for the devotional on the Live Stream Events page of the website or go to our YouTube channel for archived studies or to watch while in progress.
- If you have any questions about packing and returning shoeboxes, or if you would like to make a financial contribution to the Operation Christmas Child project, please see Cathleen Schumacher.
- The first **Thank Offering** insert highlighting Christian Education is in your bulletin today. The Thank Offering is a primary way that the World-wide Outreach budget of our denomination is funded each year. The Thank Offering theme for 2020 is *The Church Resilient*.
- Helping with this morning’s service are: Julie Runion (accompanist), Dan Lash (usher), Richard Backus (sound) and Tony Pisani (video).

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