

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

*September 13th, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.*

Please have your microphones muted once we start service, thank you.

## Greeting

### Centering For Worship

Today's Centering for Worship is an excerpt and adaptation of Lamentations 3. Lamentations, written by the prophet Jeremiah, was written when God's children were in deep despair, in hard times. Jeremiah is naming his pain, yet realizes the faithfulness of God even in those times.

I am the one who has seen affliction by the rod of the Lord's wrath. He has driven me away and made me walk in darkness rather than light; indeed, he has turned his hand against me again and again, all day long.

**He has walled me in so I cannot escape; he has weighed me down with chains. Even when I call out or cry for help, he shuts out my prayer.**

He has barred my way with blocks of stone; he has made my paths crooked. Like a bear lying in wait, like a lion in hiding, he dragged me from the path and mangled me and left me without help.

**I have been deprived of peace; I have forgotten what prosperity is and my soul is downcast within me.**

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:

**Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

**The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.**

For no one is cast off by the Lord forever.

**Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction**

Why should the living complain when punished for their sins?

**Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.**

## **Song of Worship - Great is Thy Faithfulness**

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### *Verse 1*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not. Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

### *Chorus*

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

### *Verse 2*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

### *Chorus*

### *Verse 3*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

### *Chorus*

## **Time of Prayer**

## Scripture - Daniel 1 (New International Version)

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god.

Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility - young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Beltshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel, but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you."

Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, "Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

## **Scripture - Daniel 1 (NIV - Continued)**

At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

## **Message - A New Start?**

# Song of Worship - The Solid Rock

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## *Verse 1*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

## *Chorus*

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

## *Verse 2*

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

## *Chorus*

## *Verse 3*

His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

## *Chorus*

## *Verse 4*

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

## *Chorus*

## **Community Sharing and Closing Prayer**

**Go In Peace!**