

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY MARCH 14TH – 10:15AM

Theme: PILGRIM JOURNEY

Welcome & Call to Worship: [Pastor Joel]

- Daniel was an exile. This reality transformed how he lived, where he looked, and what he longed for.
- As believers, Scripture describes us as strangers, sojourners, exiles, and citizens. As pilgrims, how then shall we live?
 - Pilgrims Live by Faith
 - Pilgrims Look to Jesus
 - Pilgrims Long for Heaven

PILGRIMS LIVE BY FAITH

A pilgrim that lives by faith must lead a godly life (I Peter 2:11-12)

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

A pilgrim that lives by faith must look to those who have finished The Faith (Hebrews 11:13-16)

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Congregational Song: #21 HMA - By Faith

By faith, we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand –
A place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith, the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In every corner of the earth.

*We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith, this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

*We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

PILGRIMS LOOK TO JESUS

Being a pilgrim requires looking unto Jesus – (Heb. 12:1-3) [*Pastor Bernie*]

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

This song, “Looking Always Unto Jesus” portrays the pilgrims focus upon Jesus, while persevering the Christian race.

Congregational Song: Looking Always Unto Jesus

Jesus, I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken
Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known

Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own

Let us run with perseverance,
Pressing forward by God's grace,
Looking always unto Jesus,
'Til we see Him face to face.
In the day when we are tempted
And enticed to leave the way,
Let us keep our eyes on Jesus
And in Him we shall not stray.

In the day when we grow weary,
Let us rise and strive and fight.
We must keep our eyes on Jesus,
Lest we sleep while it is light.
Let us not become discouraged
When the way grows steep and long,
He can change our sighs to song.

Many saints have gone before us;
They bear witness, God is true.
As they ran and looked to Jesus,
He brought each one safely through.
Press on Christian, run with patience,
Whether you find ease or strife;
Never take your eyes off Jesus,
Only He has Words of Life.

PILGRIMS LONG FOR HEAVEN

Being a pilgrim includes longing for heaven (Phil 1:21-26; Phil 3:20; Eph 2:19-22; Tit 2:11-14)

- **This our aim** (Phil. 1:21-26; Phil. 3:20) – **1:21-26** ²¹ *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.*
3:20 ²⁰ *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*
- **This is our calling** (Eph. 2:19-22) - ¹⁹ *So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

- **This is our exhortation** (Titus 2:11-14) - ¹¹ *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

Instrumental Solo: I'm Just A Poor Wayfaring Stranger [Pastor Joel]

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger,
I'm trav'ling through this world below;
There is no sickness, toil, nor danger,
In that bright world to which I go.

*I'm going there to see my father,
I'm going there no more to roam;
I'm just a going over Jordan,
I'm just a going over home.*

I know dark clouds will gather o'er me,
I know my pathway's rough and steep;
But golden fields lie out before me,
Where weary eyes no more shall weep.

*I'm going there to see my mother,
She said she'd meet me when I come;
I'm just a going over Jordan,
I'm just a going over home.*

I'll soon be free from every trial,
This form will rest beneath the sod;
I'll drop the cross of self-denial,
And enter in my home with God.

*I'm going there to see my Saviour,
Who shed for me His precious blood;
I'm just a going over Jordan,
I'm just a going over home.*

Kids 3-K5 Dismissed to Junior Church

Message: Exiled: Review from the book of Daniel [Pastor Steve]

Closing Congregational Song: Arise My Soul Arise (song of the month)

Arise, my soul, arise,
shake off your guilty fears;
the bleeding Sacrifice
in my behalf appears:

before the throne my Surety stands,
before the throne my Surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.

Five bleeding wounds he bears,
received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers,
they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

The Father hears him pray,
His dear anointed One;
He cannot turn away
The presence of his Son;
His Spirit answers to the blood,
His Spirit answers to the blood,
And tells me I am born of God.

My God is reconciled;
his pard'ning voice I hear;
he owns me for his child,
I can no longer fear;
with confidence I now draw nigh,
with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

Closing Announcements: *[Pastor Steve]*

- Tonight, March 14th at 6:00pm – Missions Emphasis – Russ McCrocklin with us.
- Wednesday, March 17th 7:00-8:15 – AWANA Grand Prix (Instead of our adult and teen meetings, we encourage everyone to minister during the Grand Prix)
- Next Sunday, March 21st
 - AM – Sunday School at 9:00am and Regular Morning Worship Service at 10:15am
 - PM – Neighboring Emphasis
- March 28th PM – Lord's Supper along with time of singspiration (This is different from the printed calendar, but correctly reflected on the web calendar)
- Easter Breakfast – Sunday April 4th. No Sunday School, but Easter Breakfast in gymnasium.
- Ladies Outreach Banquet Friday March 26th
 - Everyone be praying – outreach event
 - Women – sign up to come
 - Men – sign up to help serve
- Jr. Camp for Camp Chetek will be June 21st-26th. Sign-up sheet is in the back.
- Summer Church Softball signup in back.

Closing Prayer: *[Pastor Steve]*