

WORSHIP GUIDE — SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH — 10:15AM

The Epistle of James: Faith that Works

Welcome: *[Pastor Bernie]*

- Deacon Care Groups today
- Remember our journey through the James? Together over the past months, we've worked through the 5 chapters of this NT Epistle verse by verse. It is good for us to take a step back and see this letter as a whole and let its message impact us.
- In this book there is a significant focus on God the Father and His character. There are also of many exhortations for believers in this letter that depict the essence of authentic, active faith. In our service today, we remember that:
 - God's character is to be praised
 - God's commands are to be obeyed

GOD'S CHARACTER IS TO BE PRAISED

Congregational Song: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and king,
The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease—
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

Congregational Song: Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King! Nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King! Nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King! Nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!*

Corporate Prayer of Praise to God: James & the Character of God – How should we praise the character of God as revealed in the Epistle of James? *[Pastor Steve]*

- God is a good, gracious and generous giver (1:2-18)
- God blesses those that receive and respond to His Word in meekness (1:19-3:18)
- God is jealous for and gracious toward His children (James 4:1-10)
- God is the perfect judge of hearts (4:11-12)
- God is sovereign over the lives of His children (4:13-5:11)
- God hears and answers prayer (5:14-17)

Congregational Song: He is Good

He is good, he is good.
His love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.
He is good, he is good.
His love endures forever.
Give thanks for he is good.

For His unfailing love and his wonderful deeds
give thanks, give thanks to the Lord.
He is good, he is good.
His love endures forever.
Give thanks for he is good.

GOD'S COMMANDS ARE TO BE OBEYED

Congregational Song: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.

*O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

Corporate Prayer of Submission to God: James & the Obedience of Believers – How should we submit to the exhortations given in the Epistle of James? [*Pastor Joel*]

- We are called to rightly relate to God in trials (1:2-18)
- We are called to have a right relationship to the Word of God (1:19-25)
- We are called to love others, without partiality (2:1-13)
- We are called to have works that reflect authentic faith (2:18-3:12)
- We are called to relate to others with heavenly wisdom (3:13-18)
- We are called to be wholly committed and submitted to God (4:1-17)
- We are called to view wealth with a right fear of God (5:1-6)
- We are called to look to the Lord as motivation for steadfastness (5:7-12)
- We are called to live our faith within the context of other believers (5:13-20)

Congregational Song: When Trials Come

When trials come no longer fear
For in the pain our God draws near
To fire a faith worth more than gold
And there His faithfulness is told
And there His faithfulness is told

I turn to Wisdom not my own
For every battle You have known
My confidence will rest in You
Your love endures Your ways are good
Your love endures Your ways are good

When I am weary with the cost
I see the triumph of the cross
So in it's shadow I shall run
Till You complete the work begun
Till You complete the work begun

One day all things will be made new
I'll see the hope You called me to
And in your kingdom paved with gold
I'll praise your faithfulness of old
I'll praise your faithfulness of old

Children 3-K5 dismissed to Jr Church

Message: The Epistle of James in Review [*Pastor Steve*]

Congregational Song of Response: Living for Jesus

Living for Jesus, a life that is true,
Striving to please Him in all that I do;
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,
For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne;
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.*

Living for Jesus Who died in my place,
Bearing on Calv'ry my sin and disgrace;
Such love constrains me to answer His call,
Follow His leading and give Him my all.

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,
For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne;
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.*

Closing Announcements: [*Pastor Bernie*]

- Junior Camp to Camp Chetek (June 20-25) – Due today
- Saturday, April 2nd – Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8:00am
- Sunday April 3rd
 - Kickoff of "Give to Grow" campaign. Next week we'll have a visual display center for the building program, take time in the service to consider the giving goals, and have a time of prayer.
 - Next Sunday AM we'll have four testimonies of salvation and votes for church membership.
- Saturday, April 9th – All Church Work Day
- Sunday, April 17th – Resurrection Sunday Schedule – Breakfast from 8:30-9:30am (No Sunday School), 10:00am Resurrection Worship Service

- Today – Deacon Care Groups