

# WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 10:15am

## *Fidelity to The Word*

**Welcome:** [Pastor Bernie]

- Scripture Focus: Revelation 2:12-17 *To the Church in Pergamum*
- Service Focus: Today we praise our Redeemer. We are reminded to feed on the living Word and be faithful to The Written word.

### **PRAISE TO OUR REDEEMER**

**Scripture Call to Worship:** Ephesians 1:3-6 [Pastor Bernie]

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us<sup>[b]</sup> for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

**Congregational Song:** O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing [Sing 4 stanzas]

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

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

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.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come,  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:7-10 – [Pastor Joel]

<sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known<sup>[c]</sup> to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

**Congregational Song:** The Power of the Cross [Sing stanzas 1,2, chorus, 3, chorus, 4 chorus]

Oh, to see the dawn  
Of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Oh, to see the pain  
Written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
Every sinful thought,  
Every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath:  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Now the daylight flees,  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life;  
'Finished!' the victory cry.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath:  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

## **FIDELITY TO THE WRITTEN WORD**

**Psalm 119:25-32 – Daleth** [Pastor Steve]

### Daleth

<sup>25</sup> My soul clings to the dust;  
give me life according to your word!  
<sup>26</sup> When I told of my ways, you answered me;  
teach me your statutes!  
<sup>27</sup> Make me understand the way of your precepts,  
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.  
<sup>28</sup> My soul melts away for sorrow;  
strengthen me according to your word!  
<sup>29</sup> Put false ways far from me  
and graciously teach me your law!  
<sup>30</sup> I have chosen the way of faithfulness;  
I set your rules before me.  
<sup>31</sup> I cling to your testimonies, O Lord;  
let me not be put to shame!  
<sup>32</sup> I will run in the way of your commandments  
when you enlarge my heart!

**Prayer:** [Pastor Steve]

- That we would be faithful to the Written Word
- That we would feed on the Living Word
- Articulate and confess ways in which we feed on other things

## **FEEDING ON THE LIVING WORD - JESUS THE LIVING BREAD**

**John 6:47-51**

<sup>47</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

**Congregational Song:** Jesus is Lord [Sing all 4 stanzas]

Jesus is Lord

The cry that echoes through creation  
Resplendent pow'r eternal Word our Rock  
The Son of God  
The King whose glory fills the heavens  
Yet bids us come to taste this living bread

Jesus is Lord  
Whose voice sustains the stars and planets  
Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown  
Jesus the man  
Who washed our feet who bore our suffering  
Became a curse to bring salvation's plan

Jesus is Lord  
The tomb is gloriously empty  
Not even death could crush this King of love  
The price is paid  
The chains are loosed and we're forgiven  
And we can run into the arms of God

Jesus is Lord  
A shout of joy a cry of anguish  
As He returns and every knee bows low  
Then every eye  
And every heart will see His glory  
The judge of all will take His children home

**Congregational Song:** Show Us Christ [Sing both stanzas]

Prepare our hearts, O God  
Help us to receive  
Break the hard and stony ground  
Help our unbelief  
Plant Your Word down deep in us  
Cause it to bear fruit  
Open up our ears to hear  
Come lead us in Your truth

*Show us Christ; show us Christ  
O God, reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word  
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord*

Your Word is living light  
Upon our darkened eyes

Guards us through temptations  
Makes the simple wise  
Your Word is food for famished ones  
Freedom for the slave  
Riches for the needy soul  
Come speak to us today

*Show us Christ; show us Christ  
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### **Children 3-K5 Dismissed to back**

**Message:** Revelation 2:12-17 [Pastor Steve]

#### ***To the Church in Pergamum***

*<sup>12</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.*

*<sup>13</sup> “I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith<sup>[b]</sup> even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. <sup>14</sup> But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup> So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup> Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.’*

**Congregational Response:** O How I Love Your Law [sing both stanzas]

Oh how I love Your law;  
I meditate all day.  
Your word is wiser than my foes,  
So I hold to Your ways.  
Your word has made me learn  
What teachers cannot give.  
I understand more than the aged,  
For by Your words I live.

I keep my feet from wrong  
That I might know Your word;  
I shall not turn from Your commands,

For You have taught me, Lord.  
Your promises are sweet,  
Like honey to my soul!  
I turn from every evil way;  
Your words have made me whole.

**Announcements:**

- Summer Home fellowships – finalize home locations this week
- Stage Setup this afternoon – 3:00pm
- Letters for Missionaries – Announcement [Ben Johnson]