

WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM – January 28th, 2024 – 10:15am

Heavenly Citizenship

Welcome: [Pastor Steve]

- *Scripture Focus:* Philippians: Phil 3:17-4:1. In this passage Paul both exemplifies and instructs the believers on having a heavenly mindset while living on earth.
- *Service Focus:* Today, let us look to Christ, our hope on earth and heaven. Let us think about our heavenly citizenship and hope we have in Christ, while being motivated to stand firm with a right focus during our time on earth.

Scripture Call to Worship: Psalm 84 [Pastor Steve]

My Soul Longs for the Courts of the Lord

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith.^[a] A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

***84** How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!*

*² My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.*

*³ Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.*

*⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise! Selah*

*⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.^[b]*

*⁶ As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.*

*⁷ They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.*

*⁸ O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah*

*⁹ Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!*

*¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.*

*I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;

*the Lord bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
¹² O Lord of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!*

CHRIST, OUR HOPE IN EARTH AND HEAVEN

Congregational Song: When Morning Gilds the Skies [Sing 4 stanzas]

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I repair;
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this,
May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day
When from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The pow'rs of darkness fear
When this sweet song they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th'eternal song
Through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Congregational Song: Yet Not I, but through Christ in Me [Sing all stanzas]

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His

Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

OUR HEAVENLY DWELLING

Word from Scripture: II Corinthians 5:1-8 [Pastor Bernie]

Our Heavenly Dwelling:

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Prayer: Heavenly mindset [Pastor Bernie]

OUR HEAVENLY CITIZENSHIP

Congregational Song: *Glorious things of Thee are Spoken* [Sing all 4 stanzas]

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!
He, whose Word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for His own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to'assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear,
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near;
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
Light by night and shade by day,
Daily on the manna feeding
Which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy name;
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
All its boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.

Congregational Song: *There is a Higher Throne* [Sing both stanzas]

There is a higher throne
Than all this world has known
Where faithful ones from every tongue

Will one day come
Before the Son we'll stand
Made faultless through the Lamb
Believing hearts find promised grace
Salvation comes

Hear heaven's voices sing
Their thunderous anthem rings
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies
Their praises rise
All glory, wisdom, power
Strength, thanks, and honor are
To God our King, who reigns on high
Forevermore

And there we'll find our home
Our life before the throne
We'll honor Him in perfect song
Where we belong
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
As thirst and hunger die
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King
We'll reign with Him

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Dismiss Children 3yr-K5

Message: Philippians 3:17-4:1 [Pastor Steve]

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 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.
***4** Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.*

Congregational Response: Personal prayer while piano plays

Announcements: [Pastor Steve]

Tonight: Missions Emphasis at 6:00pm