

WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM MARCH 26th, 2023 – 10:15am

Obedience from the Heart

Call to Worship: I Timothy 6:13-16 [Pastor Joel]

¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before¹⁴ Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Congregational Song: Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Scripture: Revelation 4:9-11

*9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
11 “Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”*

Congregational Song: Thou Art Worthy

Thou art worthy Thou art worthy
Thou art worthy O Lord
To receive glory, glory and honor,
Glory and honor and pow'r

For Thou hast created
Hast all things created
For Thou hast created all things
And for Thy pleasure they are created
Thou art worthy O Lord

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: GIVE FOR GROWTH UPDATE

Report: [Pastor Steve]

Prayer: Petition for provision and guidance in leading us in next steps [Pastor Bernie]

Congregational Song of Response: My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough
For ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
Whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth
Is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all,

MALACHI: GOD DESIRES OBEDIENCE FROM THE HEART

Read Malachi 1:6-2:9

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Assertion: 1:6

⁶ “A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name.

Questioning: 1:7-14

But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’⁷ By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the Lord’s table may be despised.⁸ When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the Lord of hosts.⁹ And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the Lord of hosts.¹⁰ Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand.¹¹ For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be^[b] great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.¹² But you profane it when you say that the Lord’s table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food may be despised.¹³ But you say, ‘What a weariness this is,’ and you snort at it, says the Lord of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the Lord.¹⁴ Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.

Response: 2:1-8

***2** “And now, O priests, this command is for you.² If you will not listen, if you will not take it to heart to give honor to my name, says the Lord of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have already cursed them, because you do not lay it to heart.³ Behold, I will rebuke your offspring,^[a] and spread dung on your faces, the dung of your offerings, and you shall be taken away with it.^[b]⁴ So shall you know that I have sent this command to you, that my covenant with Levi may stand, says the Lord of hosts.⁵ My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him. It was a covenant of fear, and he feared me. He stood in awe of my name.⁶ True instruction^[c] was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity.⁷ For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people^[d] should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.⁸ But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts,*

Application: 2:9

⁹ and so I make you despised and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you do not keep my ways but show partiality in your instruction.”

Congregational Song: O Great God

O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
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Glorify Your Name through me

Children 3yr-3rd Grade dismissed to Jr. Church

Message: Malachi 1:6-2:5 [Pastor Steve]

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Congregational Song of Response: More Love to Thee [Sing stanzas 1 & 3 then repeat last chorus accapella]

More love to Thee, O Christ,
More love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make
On bended knee;
This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath
Whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry
My heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

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More love to Thee,
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Closing Announcements: [Pastor Bernie]

- Tonight at 6:00pm – The Lord’s Supper
- Friday, March 31st - Circle of Hope Ladies Banquet
- Saturday, April 1st - Men’s Prayer Breakfast
- Sunday, April 2nd - Deacon Care Groups
- Sunday, April 9th – Resurrection Sunday Schedule
 - 8:45-9:45am – Donut & Coffee Fellowship
 - 10:15am – Resurrection Sunday Worship Service
- Saturday, April 15th - All Church Work Day