

WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM MAY 21st, 2023 – 10:15am

Faithful Perseverance

Welcome: [Pastor Bernie]

- Moving on to the next dispute in Malachi (3:13-4:3), we will see the value and necessity of persevering faith even in the midst of apparent futility.
- We will have a ministry spotlight as we look ahead to our Summer and church-wide evangelism opportunities.
- Today we want to consider the necessity of preserving faith.

Call to Worship: Psalm 16 [Pastor Bernie]

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you.”

³As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.^[b]

⁴The sorrows of those who run after^[c] another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

⁵The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.^[d]

⁸I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being^[e] rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.^[f]

¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Congregational Song: Like A River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace,
Over all victorious, in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day,

Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Every joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
We may trust Him fully, all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Congregational Song: It is Well with My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

*It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

*It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: SUMMER OUTREACH EMPHASIS

Overview of Summer Outreach Focus [Pastor Joel]

- Orientation of timing and purpose
- Key dates, timing: lead up
- Lesson and teaching focus & theme reveal

Scripture & Prayer [Pastor Steve]

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

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

Within the night I know your peace
The breath of God brings strength to me
And new each morning mercy flows
As treasures of the darkness grow
As treasures of the darkness grow

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 its shadow I shall run
Til you complete the work begun
Til 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

Congregational Song: He Will Hold Me Fast [

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast

Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Children 3-K5 dismissed

Message: Malachi 4:13-4:3 [Pastor Steve]

¹³ “Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’¹⁴ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts?’¹⁵ And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”

¹⁶ Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name.¹⁷ “They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.¹⁸ Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

⁴ “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.³ And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

Song of Response: [Piano plays song during personal prayer time]

Closing Announcements: [Pastor Steve]

- Wednesday Night In-Home Fellowships – Begin this Wednesday. Teens will meet at Community Park at 7:00pm.
- Tonight at 6:00pm – Lord’s Supper

- Next Sunday Morning – Missionary Dan Gardner will be sharing an update and preaching.

Closing Prayer: [Pastor Steve]