

# WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM – October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 10:15am

## *Living the Gospel*

**Welcome:** [Pastor Steve]

- Scripture Focus: We pick back up in Philippians and will focus on 2:12-18. After a focus on the humility and exaltation of Christ in verses 5-11, Paul gives the Philippian believers some general and specific exhortations to the believers on living out the gospel. We should live out the gospel in our own personal growth. And we should live out the gospel in a way that shines brightly in a dark world.

**Call to Worship:** II Peter 1:3-8 [Pastor Steve]

*<sup>3</sup> His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to<sup>[c]</sup> his own glory and excellence,<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>4</sup> by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. <sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue,<sup>[e]</sup> and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup> and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup> For if these qualities<sup>[f]</sup> are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## **PRAISE TO THE ETERNAL GOD**

**Congregational Song:** Almighty, Unchangeable God [Sing stanzas]

Who spread out the clouds before Him?  
Who fashioned the earth with His hands?  
Who created the starry host and formed the earth at His command?  
Who scatters lightening before him  
commands the rain and snow to fall?  
Who makes the nations tremble?  
Who is Lord over all?

*He is Almighty, Unchangeable God,  
King of kings, Lord of lords, robed in majesty.  
He rules and reigns, for all eternity,  
Almighty, Unchangeable God.*

He is like the light at sunrise,  
like the brightness after the rain.  
Robed in splendor, He's seated

on His heavenly throne above.  
His glory fills the heavens;  
He is exalted over all,  
Yes this God of Heaven  
loves me with an everlasting love.

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King of kings, Lord of lords, robed in majesty.  
He rules and reigns, for all eternity,  
Almighty, Unchangeable God.*

## **GIVE BECAUSE OF GOD'S GRACE**

**Scripture:** I Corinthians 9:6-8 [Deacon]

*<sup>6</sup> The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully<sup>d</sup> will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency<sup>e</sup> in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*

**Prayer:** Prayer of thanks to God for his grace and blessing; and a prayer of consecration that we would respond to his grace by giving joyfully.

**Congregational Song:** How Deep the Father's Love for Us [Sing all 3 stanzas]

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom

But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

## LEARN FROM THE ISRAELITES

In the middle of our text from Phil. 2:12-18 is an imperative which reads “<sup>14</sup> *Do all things without grumbling or disputing,* <sup>15</sup> *that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation.*” This exhortation hearkens back to lessons about grumbling and disputing that the Israelites had to be reminded of. Let’s read one of those accounts.

### Exodus 16:1-8 - Learn from the Israelites [Pastor Bernie]

*16 They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup> and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” <sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup> And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord.”*

## REMEMBER JOY IN THE GOSPEL

### Congregational Song: O God My Joy [Sing all 3 stanzas]

O God, my joy, You reign above  
In radiant splendor and beauty.  
Your Word has drawn my heart to love  
The awesome sight of Your glory.  
Your blazing light and gospel grace  
Shine brightly from my Savior’s face.

No other wonder would I see  
Than Christ enthroned in His glory!

Sustained by joy in trial and pain,  
I trust Your wisdom and mercy.  
Through suff'ring that Your love ordains,  
More like Your Son You will make me.  
For Christ embraced the cross of shame,  
Beholding glorious joys to come.  
O give me faith like His to see  
That suff'ring lifts me to glory!

Compelled by joy, I fight the sin  
That turns my gaze from Your glory.  
Your Holy Spirit dwells within;  
His presence arms me for vict'ry.  
Let death and hell against me rise;  
Through death I'll gain eternal joys.  
All pow'rs of hell will bend the knee  
Before my great King of Glory!

**Congregational Song:** Speak O Lord [Sing all 3 stanzas]

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy Word  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience  
Holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of pow'r that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises

And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

**\*Children 3yr – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade dismissed to back**

**Message:** Philippians 2:12-18 [Pastor Steve]

*<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

*<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.*

**Congregational Song:** Jesus Paid it All [Sing 3 stanzas with last chorus accapella]

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I  
Where-by Thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

And when, before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save,"  
My lips shall still repeat.

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

**Announcements:**

- Teen Fall Fellowship Activity tonight – Drop off at church at 4:00pm and pickup at 7:30pm
- Next Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School Fellowships
- Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – Deacon Care Groups