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IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE
Hymns of Grace, 36

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON: "PAUL ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM"
ACTS 21:1–17

COMMUNION

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He arose again.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy and universal Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL
Hymns of Grace, 407

WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT

Verse 1
Whate'er my God ordains is right,
His holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He does,
And follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road;
He holds me that I shall not fall;
And so to Him I leave it all,
And so to Him I leave it all.

Verse 2
Whate'er my God ordains is right,
He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path,
I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He has sent;
His hand can turn my griefs away;
And patiently I wait His day,
And patiently I wait His day.

Verse 3
Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Though now this cup in drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart,
I take it all, unshrinking.
My God is true, each morn anew
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart;
And pain and sorrow shall depart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Verse 4
Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Here shall my stand be taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
Yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there;
He holds me that I shall not fall;
And so to Him I leave it all,
And so to Him I leave it all.

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BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Verse 1
Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

Verse 2
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,

Chorus
"Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name."

Verse 3
Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be,"
Blessed be Your name.

Verse 4
Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,

Chorus
"Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name."

Bridge (x2)
You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
"Lord, blessed be Your name."

Chorus (x2)

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BENEDICTION

Today: Neighborhood Cookout and Meet & Greet from 12:00–2:00 PM – please bring a side dish to share

Sept 12: CHIP Community Cares Day. CHIP is putting together teams & resources for CHIP day. There will be jobs for every skill level & age. Early registration is helpful, so please sign up now by visiting www.chipinc.org

Sept 13: Cottage in the Woods Annual Ice Cream Social & Talent Show starting at 1 PM. It will be an afternoon of music & fun for all ages. Hamburgers & hotdogs will be provided, please bring your own drinks & a side dish to share. Free ice cream sundaes will be served for dessert

Sept 16: Foundations classes begin - we will continue our reading & discussion of Bible Doctrine by Wayne Grudem. Please speak to Pastor Phil if you need a book. The morning class meets from 930–11 AM & evening class from 630–800 PM

Sept 27: Thrive, for students in 5th–12th grade, led by Richard & Chrissy Burns, meets at TVC from 700–800 PM

Sept 29: Fall Sweet Fall Ladies Cookie Decorating Night from 630–8 PM at TVC. Cost is $20 & includes all supplies - see the flyer for more details. Please sign up by Sunday, September 20th

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Read Ahead: Acts 21:18–36

General Info:

TVC Kids: We strive for family-friendly worship & want to encourage parents to keep their children in the sanctuary or East Hall for worship. To help families, backpacks filled with a note sheet, a coloring page, and snacks are available on the table in East Hall for children Pre-K – 5th grade. We offer Rooted which is a time of teaching & learning for children in grades K–4 that meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall classroom. The children who participate in Rooted will be dismissed prior to the sermon.

We also offer a volunteer staffed Nursery that is available in the nursery room in the Fellowship Hall. We are thankful & appreciate the opportunity to serve you & your children.

We understand that children can get restless & squirmy, so if you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so; but please know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

Gospel Growth Communities (GGCs): GGCs are just one way you can purposefully & intentionally invest in your church family as we seek to grow in Christ, love like Christ & live for Christ. If you are interested in joining a GGC, please contact one of your elders. The Sorterup GGC meets Wednesday evenings in Damariscotta. The Holladay GGC meets Thursday evenings in Bristol. The Nicewonger GGC meets in the evening on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month in Bremen.

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