

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Lift High the Cross

(Composer: Sydney H. Nicholson/ arr. Carolyn Hamlin)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Hymn #601

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Responsive Reading

Psalm 100: 1-5

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues throughout generations.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We confess, O God, that we are fearful of opening our lives to the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe the Spirit is given to release and empower the Church in the world, but we end up settling for poor substitutes. We limp through life, wondering why our faith lacks power. Forgive us, God, for trying to live life in our own strength and neglecting the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Enable us to open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit through prayer, that we might be the Body of Christ you intend for us.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

Glory be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be

World without end. Amen, Amen.

Passing the Peace

Hymn #451

When Peace like a River

Sermon

Keep Going

Keep Going: How to Live with Enduring Hope

Acts 17:1-9 & 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Musical Reflection

We Walk by Faith

(Composer: Kenneth T. Kosche)

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name;

your kingdom come,

your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn #772

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Benediction

Postlude

This Joyful Eastertide

(Composer: Dutch/Dale Wood)

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard

Announcements (9:30)

Rev. Greg Buell

Contemporary Worship Leader

Luke Stoner

Liturgy and Prayer (11:00)

Wally Kelley

Praise Music

Village Church Worship Band

Director of Traditional Music

Dr. Yongmin Kim

Choral Music

Village Church Choir

Organist

Sharon Peterson

Prayers of the People

Elaine Holmquist (9:30)

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

I Thank God

This Is How I Thank the Lord

Prayer of Confession

His Mercy is More

Passing the Peace

Announcements

(Offerings are received weekly via mail and online giving at <https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/> . Those attending live worship can leave their donations in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.)

Sermon

Keep Going

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Goodness of God

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Read Acts 17:1-9

1. What strategy did Paul have in sharing the Gospel in Thessalonica? Why did he do this? (v.1-3)
2. Who are the groups that Luke highlights as responding positively to the Gospel? Why do you think he included them? (v.4)
3. Who opposed the mission in Thessalonica, and how did they attempt to stop it? (v.5-6)
4. Who is Jason and why did the group target him? (v.6-7)
5. What was the main argument used to incite the crowd? How did the authorities respond? (v.8-9)

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

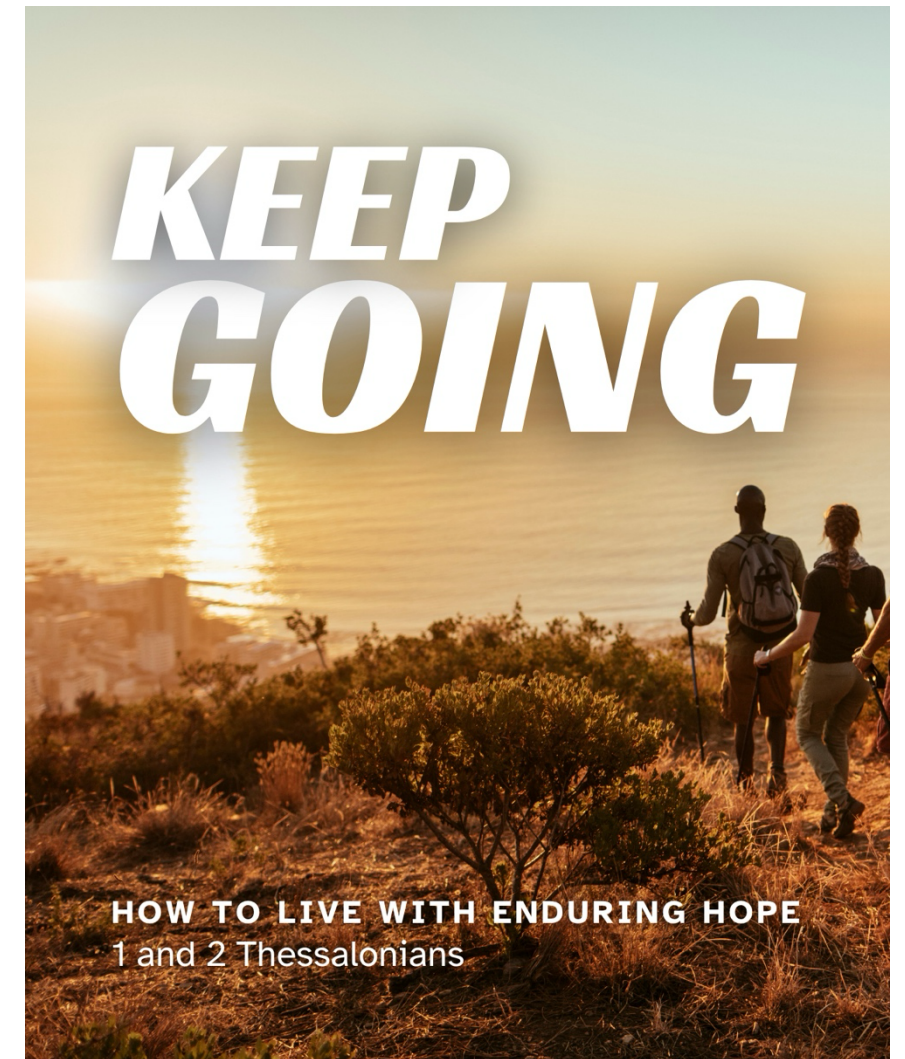
1. Who are the authors of the letter to the Thessalonians? What is the purpose of this letter? Based on the passage of Acts, why would the Thessalonians be happy to hear from them?
2. What is the greeting Paul uses in verse 1? How is it a good summary of the gospel?
3. Why do Paul and his co-workers pray so much for the Thessalonians? What three things specifically inspire their gratitude? (v.2-3)
4. How does Paul describe his relationship with the Thessalonians in verse 4? Why is important about this designation as you think about your relationships in the church?
5. What evidence does Paul reference as confirmation that the believers in Thessalonica were chosen and loved by God? (v.4-5)

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