

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Prelude on Song 46, "Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord"

(Composer: Leo Sowerby)

God You Made All Things for Singing

(Text by Thomas H. Troeger)

Music by Ēriks Ešēvalds)

Introit

Prayer Before Singing

(Text and Music by Donald Hustad)

Laudate Dominum

(Text from Psalm 117)

Music by Christopher Alexander)

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Choral Response

Veni Sancte Spiritu

(Music by Michael John Trotta)

Hymn

In Christ Alone

Responsive Reading

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

Before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to

your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

ALL: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the

pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross.

(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!

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

Passing the Peace

Musical Reflection

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

(Text by Linda Lee Johnson, based on Psalm 8)

Music by Tom Fettke)

Scripture Readings

1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Unstoppable

Keep Going: How to Live with Enduring Hope

Musical Reflection

All of These

(Words and Music by Craig Curry)

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

and was born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated

at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Adoration of Jesus

(Composer: Juliette Folville)

Closing Hymn

King of Kings

(See insert)

Benediction

Postlude

How Great Thou Art

(Composer: Wilbur Held)

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon

Rev. Greg Buell

Worship Leader & Liturgy

Luke Stoner

Praise Music

Village Church Worship Band

Director of Traditional Music

Dr. Yongmin Kim

Choral Music

Village Church Choir

Moody Chorale

Scripture Reader

Cathy Burnham (9:30)

Sandy Mauk (11:00)

Organist

Sharon Peterson (11:00)

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

House of the Lord

In Christ Alone

Prayer of Confession

King of Kings

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.)

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Closing Song

Trust in God

Blessing

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:13-16

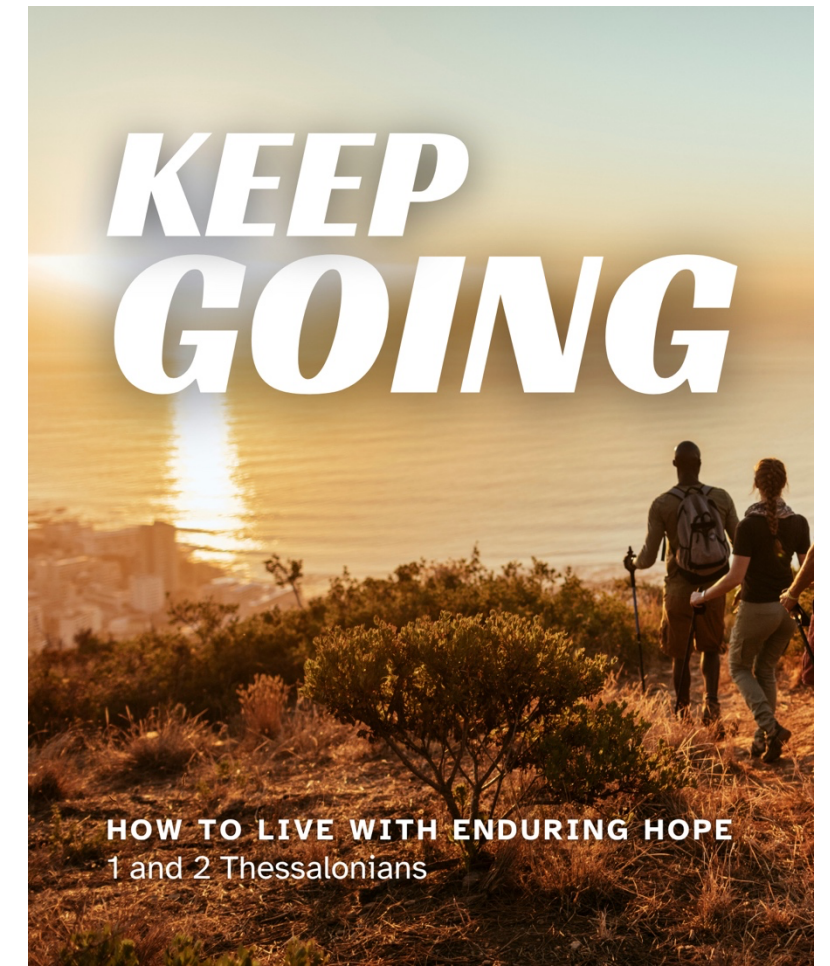
1. Why were Paul and his companions grateful for the Thessalonians? (v.13)
2. What's the difference between seeing the Gospel and the Scripture as a human word instead God's word? How is God's word described in v.13?
3. How did the church in Thessalonica imitate the churches in Judea? What motivated them? (v.14-14)
4. Why was there opposition against the believers in Thessalonica as well as in Judea? What was their goal? (v.16)
5. What is God's view of those who oppose the Gospel? How can this give us hope? How can it give us pause?
6. Keeping Paul's own conversion in mind, how should we view and treat those who oppose Christians and their beliefs, ethics, or moral viewpoint?

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