



August 15, 2021

Traditional Service – 8:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people”. (Ephesians. 6:18)

Prelude

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

(Lloyd Larson)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all

People: And also with you

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Announcements

Opening Hymn

I Need Thee Every Hour

#322

(verses 1-3, 5)

I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.

Refrain: I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee.
O bless me now, my Savior; I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour; Stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their power When Thou art nigh. [Refrain]

I need Thee every hour, In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain. [Refrain]

I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou Blessed Son! [Refrain]

Psalm Response

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains
-- where does my help come from?

**My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot slip—

He who watches over you will not slumber;

**Indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD watches over you
-- the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
**The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
The LORD will keep you from all harm—
He will watch over your life;
**The LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we are women and men of little faith. You call us to step out of the comfortable life we built and follow you, but we find this difficult to do. Despite the fact you said we can move mountains if we have faith the size of a mustard seed, we are still not convinced. Forgive us, O God. Help us to stay focused on You. Help us to step into the deep waters of life knowing you are with us. Help us to remember that following you doesn't guarantee an easy life, but a life filled with your presence. Enable us to live by the faith we have received from you. In Jesus Name ...
(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

Glory Be to the Father

#961

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.

Minute for Ministry

Small Group Testimony

Anthem

How Great Thou Art (arr. Dan Forrest)

Scripture Reading

James 5:12-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

A Mature Faith

Offertory

Art Thou Weary, Art Thou Troubled?

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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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#898

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Benediction

Postlude

Standing in the Need of Prayer

(arr. Sharon R. Peterson)

Contemporary Service - 10:00 am

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People: And also with you.

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Praise and Prayer

Thrive

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Prayer of Confession

Announcements

Minute for Ministry

Small Group Testimony

Scripture Reading

James 5:12-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

A Mature Faith

Offering

Great Are You Lord

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Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Resurrecting

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Blessing

Postlude

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Reflection Questions

Connecting with One Another:

When you think about this sermon series on James, what is something that has challenge or comforted you?

Listening and Acting upon the Text:

Read James 5:12-19

Background:

James is the head of the church in Jerusalem and writing this letter to the scattered Christians who are facing hardship, suffering illness, and enduring persecution for their belief in Jesus Christ. He is providing them guidance and wisdom to endure in the faith and ultimately mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. In this section of chapter 5, James is pointing us to a way in which we can be patient in life and eventually live from a mature trust in Jesus Christ.

Questions of the Text:

1. Why is it so important that we are clear with our answers in life? Why is this so difficult?
2. James identifies several situations (vs. 13-14) from which people find themselves in life. Identify them and what does James tell them is the answer? What, if any, are the connections between the answers?
3. When was a time when you received the benefit of prayer?
4. What are some concrete ways in which you can pray for others through social media?
5. When you see someone doing something wrong, how do you typically respond and why?
6. What is significant for James about bringing someone back from “wandering”? When for you, was a time when someone reached out and brought you home to the faith? Share the story if you are comfortable and reflect on the significance?
7. Read James 1:2-4 and reflect on how you have matured in the faith through this series? In other words, where have you made some traction as a disciple of Jesus?

Talking with God:

- Spend some time praising and thanking God for his love and care for your life.
- Confess your need for God to forgive you and ask for God to give you the strength to forgive those who have hurt you as well.
- Lift in prayer those people whom God loves and wants to return to the faith. Ask God for courage to reach out to them and give you the words to say for their return.
- Spend a few minutes resting in the grace and mercy of God, seeking healing for your soul and forgiveness for what you have done wrong in life.
- Ask God to reveal what you need to put into practice through this series.