

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee # 38

HYMN

Blest Be The Tie That Binds # 187

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Todd Nibert will be preaching in Marysville, CA on the 27th, 28th, and 29th of this month. No services here that Sunday.

- I would encourage you to attend. Also, for you to encourage others that you know to attend. If the Lord is pleased to send His Spirit there, the Word will not return to Him void!

CLOSING HYMN

Surely Goodness And Mercy # 292

I HAVE NO QUESTIONS FOR GOD

I recently saw a church sign in town that said: *“Come hear the questions you always wanted to ask God”*. Whenever I see things like this my response is two-fold: First, I get a sick feeling in my heart and then a feeling of indignation that the things of God are regarded so glibly in modern religion.

When I saw this particular sign, I immediately thought, “I have no questions for God, but I have a plea to the Lord, my God.” It is this: “Give me grace to submit to you and your providence; faith to believe you, and a heart not to complain.

- Don Bell (Crossville, TN)

ATTITUDE TOWARD OTHERS

Nothing reveals the true state of my heart, my relationship with God, and my understanding of the gospel quite like my daily, general ATTITUDE toward others, toward God’s providence, and toward my lot in life. It is one thing to be discouraged occasionally, to get upset, to disagree with someone, to feel neglected, or even to withdraw for a time to reflect on the matters at hand. But it is quite another thing to CONTINUE in a negative attitude, pouting and feeling sorry for myself, neglecting to exhort and encourage others, and showing by my countenance and conduct that I am not happy with the way things are.

“Let not the sun go down on thy wrath,” clearly teaches that we are NOT to allow wrath, misunderstanding, nor bad feelings to continue! Let it be over when the day is over. Forgive as you are forgiven and give of yourself to make this difficult journey easier for others. The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a family working together, living together, and functioning as one body for the glory of God and the good of the whole. It is very important that every member of that body be in harmony. I believe if a member is in harmony with the HEAD, he will certainly be in harmony with the rest of the body. Christ is not divided! *“He that hath ears to hear, LET HIM HEAR.”*

- Henry Mahan

God is more honored by Christ’s obedience, than dishonored by our disobedience.

- Robert Hawker

WHAT DO I HAVE TO FEAR?

I was at a leadership retreat a few days ago. The instructor had taken us through various activities and exercises when we came to the conclusion of our session. The final discussion would be based on this prompt, "What fears do you have for the future"? After a few minutes of reflection, my peers began describing their fears. Each of which was more dire than the instructor had anticipated. Fears for their family and home. Fears for this nation. Fears of leading an unsatisfied and unaccomplished life. Fears for the upcoming election. Fears of hardships and trials. The instructor struggled as he tried to comfort and console my classmates and was ultimately unsuccessful.

As I sat there, this thought struck me, "What do I have to fear"? What does one of God's sheep have to fear? Regarding my family and home, *Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it* (Psalms 127:1). Regarding this nation, *Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain* (Psalms 127:1). Regarding an unsatisfied and unaccomplished life, *Be content with such things as ye have: for He [The Lord] hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee* (Hebrews 13:5). Regarding the upcoming election, *The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will* (Proverbs 21:1). Regarding hardships and trials, *Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness* (Isaiah 41:10). What about other things I don't even know I should be afraid of? What about everything else in this life? (Romans 8:28) *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

I ask again, what do I have to fear? Swift cometh this reply:

Isaiah 43: 1-7

But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honorable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

- Brady Floyd

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*"But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God."
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Service Times

Sunday - 9:45 AM

- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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