

## **Worship Outline**

### **April 26, 2020**

#### **Meditation**

“There is nothing more essential for the people of God than to hear their God repeating to them amid all their changing circumstances, ‘I will be with you’ or ‘I will not forsake you.’” – Dale Ralph Davis

#### **Call to Worship**

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

– Psalm 62:5-8

#### **“Those Who Trust”**

Those who trust in the Lord  
Are a strong mountain  
They will not, not be moved. (REPEAT)

*Chorus:* Though the world moves like mad,  
You alone are faithful.  
Jesus, You, You will not, not be changed.

Those who trust in the Lord  
Are as Mount Zion.  
They will not, not be moved. (REPEAT)  
*Chorus*

Christ the King, He sets my feet  
On a firm foundation  
That will not, not be moved. (REPEAT)  
*Chorus*

#### **“How Firm a Foundation”**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word.  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to hi foes.  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

#### **Profession of Our Faith**

“The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.” And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. – Exodus 34:6-8

### **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing.  
Our helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great  
And armed with cruel hate;  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He.  
Lord Sabaoth His name  
From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo his doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs  
No thanks to them abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.

### **Confession of Sin**

“Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I will drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Take care, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you go, lest it become a snare in your midst. You shall tear down their altars and break their pillars and cut down their Asherim (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they whore after their gods and sacrifice to their gods and you are invited, you eat of his sacrifice, and you take of their daughters for your sons, and their daughters whore after their gods and make your sons whore after their gods. – Exodus 34:11-16

### **Assurance of Pardon**

7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. – 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

### **“Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not.  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.  
Great is Thy faithfulness; great is Thy faithfulness.  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness; great is Thy faithfulness.  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.  
Great is Thy faithfulness; great is Thy faithfulness.  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

### **Greeting and Announcements**

- *Get Help/Give Help: [southwood.org/covidhelp](http://southwood.org/covidhelp) – Link here for serving lunches through May – sign up!*
- *Zoom Prayer Gathering Wednesday at NOON. Check email for invite.*
- *Electronic Giving: [southwood.org/give](http://southwood.org/give) OR on the Southwood App.*
- *Watch e-mail for decisions about future worship services.*

### **“In Feast or Fallow”**

When the fields are dry and the winter is long,  
Blessed are the meek, the hungry, the poor.  
When my soul is downcast and my voice has no  
song,  
For mercy, for comfort, I wait on the Lord.

*Chorus:* In the harvest feast or the fallow ground,  
My certain hope is in Jesus found.  
My lot, my cup, my portion sure,  
Whatever comes we shall endure.  
Whatever comes we shall endure.

On a cross of wood His blood was outpoured.  
He Rose from the ground like a bird to the sky,  
Bringing peace to our violence and crushing  
death's door,  
Our Maker incarnate, our God who provides.

Come, oh come, Emmanuel! (2x)

When the earth beneath me crumbles and quakes,  
Not a sparrow falls nor a hair from my head  
Without His hand to guide me,  
My shield and my strength,  
In joy or in sorrow in life or in death.  
*Chorus*

## **Preaching of the Word**

*Joshua 1:1-18*

“Change and Certainty”

### **“The Lord Will Provide”**

Though troubles assail and dangers affright,  
Though friends should all fail and foes all unite,  
Yet one thing secures us whatever betide,  
The scripture assures us the Lord will provide.  
The birds without barn or storehouse are fed;  
From them let us learn to trust for our bread.  
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied  
So long as it's written, “The Lord will provide.”

We may like the ships by tempest be tossed  
On perilous deeps but cannot be lost.  
Though Satan enrages the wind and the tide,  
The promise engages the Lord will provide.  
His call we obey like Abram of old,  
Not knowing our way but faith makes us bold,  
For though we are strangers, we have a good  
Guide  
And trust in all dangers the Lord will provide.

When Satan appears to stop up our path  
And fill us with fears, we triumph by faith.  
He cannot take from us though oft he has tried  
This heart cheering promise – “The Lord will  
provide.”  
He tells us we're weak, our hope is in vain,  
The good that we seek we ne'er shall obtain.  
But when such suggestions our spirits have plied,  
This answers all questions, the Lord will provide.

No strength of our own or goodness we claim.  
Yet since we have known the Savior's great name,  
In this our strong tower for safety we hide,  
The Lord is our power; the Lord will provide.  
When life sinks apace and death is in view,  
This word of His grace shall comfort us through.  
No fearing or doubting with Christ on our side;  
We hope to die shouting, “The Lord will provide.”

### **Benediction**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. – Numbers 6:24-26

## **Sermon Outline**

True strength and courage in a changing world come from the God who never changes.

### 1. God's Promises

God gives the same destination.

God gives the same map.

### 2. God's Provision

God keeps providing rest.

God keeps providing leadership.

### 3. God's Presence

God never leaves his people.

God always loves his people.

\* An Example of God's people pointing each other to this unchanging God (1:10-18)

## **Questions for Discussion/Reflection**

1. In what ways are you experiencing the lack of stability or the presence of uncertainty right now?
2. What are your "go-to" places for stability, wisdom, and direction when life is changing?
3. What does it look like to experience God as unchanging rather than merely state that He is?
4. What does it look like to live as though God is truly present with you? How is that different from living as though you are alone in this world?
5. What is one way you could point someone else in your church family (consider your leaders particularly!) toward trusting in God this week? How might talking with someone encourage you, too?
6. Dale Ralph Davis says, "There is nothing more essential for the people of God than to hear their God repeating to them amid all their changing circumstances, 'I will be with you' or 'I will not forsake you.'" Do you hear him saying that to you today, and how do you respond to that?

## **Prayer Guide 4/26/20**

### **Core Commitment**

#### **We are driven by relationships.**

Pray for new relationships with neighbors and others to develop during this season of shifting schedules. Ask that God would give us hearts to love each other deeply even when personal sacrifice is required. Pray for physical distance not to be reflected in the emotional distance with which we treat others.

### **Mission Partner**

#### **New City (Celina) TX**

*Jake Patton is pastor of this church in Celina, Texas. Jake is a former Southwood pastor now in Texas with Paige, Laci, Luke, Aubrey, and Brooke. Please join them in praying for the following requests.*

Pray for wisdom, insight and guidance from the Holy Spirit in how to lead our plant in the season ahead.

We are asking the Lord to preserve the welfare of our new and young businesses in Celina.

Pray for new Gospel opportunities (word and deed) as we engage with neighbors and community.

### **Specific Needs**

Pray for Phillip Wright as he continues recovery from an injury last year and is longing to walk down the sidewalk outside his house without so much difficulty.

Pray for Emilia Cash, 1, and her parents (Josh and Nina), as she is treated for a dog bite to her face that has led to stitches and further complications. Pray for further healing without the need for surgery.

Pray for our weekly online prayer gatherings to be rich times of renewal for our hearts and the kingdom.

Pray for the physical, emotional, and spiritual battles in our community and around the world as we deal with the ongoing pandemic.

Pray for our local and state leaders as they seek wisdom in making decisions that impact so many people in so many different ways.

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### **Expectant Mothers**

**Molly Athey** - April 2020

**Ann Ever Ainsworth** - May 2020

**Kristen Stevens** - June 2020

**Grace Crawford** - July 2020

**Kelly Lewis** - July 2020

**Nina Cash** - August 2020

**Taylor Bozeman** – September 2020