

Call to Worship: Psalm 107:1-3, 8-9

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Singing: *Satisfied*

1. All my life long I had panted, for a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within

Chorus: Hallelujah He has found me,
The one my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through His blood I now am saved

2. Feeding on the filth around me, till my strength was almost gone
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on

3. Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry

4. Well of water ever springing, bread of life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading: Light & Darkness

John 3:16-21

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Prayers of Repentance

Prayer of Petition:

- Pray that God will prepare us spiritually for outreach to the community
- Pray that the remaining work on our new building will be completed quickly and safely
- Pray for teachers and school administrators as they prepare for the coming school year
- Pray for travelling mercies as people travel and vacation
- Pray for God's protection from the virus and to keep us healthy
- Pray for unity in Christ in our church and families
- Pray that our worship will honor God and glorify him.
- Pray for God's word in this morning's message to cause us to love Christ more and become more like Him.

Sermon: Walk As Children of Light Ephesians 5:6-14

Ephesians 5:6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. **7** Therefore do not become partners with them; **8** for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light **9** (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), **10** and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. **11** Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. **12** For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. **13** But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, **14** for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

I. A Reminder of Our Rescue (6-8)

II. Reasons for Walking as Children of Light (8b-11)

A. Such a life reflects who we truly are (8b)

B. Such a life is truly productive (9, 11)

C. Such a life pleases God (10)

III. The Calling to Expose the Works of Darkness (11-14)

Singing: *Jesus Paid it All* #308

1. I hear the Savior say "Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all"

Chorus: Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow

2. Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone

3. For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb

4. And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat

Benediction