

# OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

## MAY 24, 2020

### **Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

### **Welcome - Matt O'Sullivan, Youth Director**

### **\*Call to Worship - Psalm 40**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

### **\*Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

### **\*Song of Preparation and Praise - *Steadfast***

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

### **\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

### **\*Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

### **\*Song of Comfort - *His Mercy is More***

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

### **Pastoral Prayer - Cameron Barham**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

### **Sermon - The Fruit of the Spirit: Patience** James 5:7-11

### **\*Song of Response - *Jesus, Lord We Look to Thee***

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

### **\*Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

### **\*Benediction - Galatians 6:14-18**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

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# "THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: PATIENCE"

## JAMES 5:7-11

## CAMERON BARHAM

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**Key Truth: We love God by patiently awaiting His redemptive provision and love our neighbors by patiently enduring with them until they are transformed by the Holy Spirit in Christ.**

### **Introduction:**

**Q: *What do you struggle most with in terms of waiting for or being patient with something or someone?***

**Patience:** Because God was long suffering with our enmity with Him granting us mercy through the crucifixion of Christ, we suffer the enmity of our neighbors persevering to keep the Gospel before them until the transformation of the Holy Spirit brings forth the fruit of repentance in Christ according to the kindness of God.

### **James 5:7-9: Be Patient with God, Yourself, and Others in God's Redemptive Process:**

"James' doctrine of the Christian life is a doctrine of process and growth, and patience is its central requirement. We neither drift into holiness nor are we wafted there by some heavenly visitation; we grow to holiness and, like every harvest, it is a process. Nothing can hurry on the early and late rains and nothing can speed up the imminent coming of the Lord. James thus speaks to assure us that all will be well. Along the line of the processes he has appointed, God the Creator germinates the seed, promotes growth, swells the grain until, when harvest-time comes, the harvest is ready. It is his annual miracle in the sphere of the created world. Surely James wishes us to see the same mighty hand at work in our lives. The Father will have us ready too, so that nothing will mar the excellence of the day he brings his Son back in glory."

J. A. Motyer, *The Message of James: The Tests of Faith*

**Q: *How has the Lord been patient with you in your sanctification? How are you using the means of grace to help you to be patient with the Lord's enduring work in the lives of those in your spheres of influence?***

### **James 5:10-11: Be Patient and Steadfast in Present Suffering for the Life of the World:**

"All this means that a martyr's patience, being a fruit of the Spirit and not a characteristic of an unbeliever, should be a subject of special cultivation by the Christian. To suffer for well-doing, to suffer with rational explanation; to expect good only from the hand of God and even that perhaps not in this world—this is the character God seeks among men."

John W. Sanderson, *The Fruit of the Spirit: A Study Guide*

**Q: *How has God used an example of patience and steadfastness in suffering to reveal His glory to you? What has most helped you to endure suffering patiently to reveal God's glory to your neighbors?***

### **Application:**

**James 5:7-11** teaches us that are to be patient:

- with God, ourselves, and others as He wisely works out His redemptive purposes
- in suffering as a witness to our neighbors of God's compassion and mercy in their lives

**Patience:** We love God by waiting expectantly for His redemptive provision and love our neighbors by suffering their enmity and persevering to keep the Gospel before them until their transformation in the Holy Spirit.

**Benediction: *Galatians 6:14-18***