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Preacher: Deacon Ali McMillan

Thessalonians 5:11-28

Luke 18:1-8

WELCOME

Revd Lansford Penn-Timothy and Deacon Ali McMillan

CALL TO WORSHIP – We Cry Hallelujah

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VIDEO SONG – Raise A Hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies,
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief.
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody,
I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me.

*I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm,
louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar.
Up from the ashes hope will arise,
death is defeated, the King is alive.*

I raise a hallelujah with ev'rything inside of me,
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee.
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery;
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me.

*I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm,
louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar.
Up from the ashes hope will arise,
death is defeated, the King is alive.*

Sing a little louder (sing a little louder)
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Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies.
Sing a little louder. Louder than my unbelief
Sing a little louder. My weapon is a melody.
Sing a little louder. Heaven comes to fight for me.
Sing a little louder.

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I raise a hallelujah
I raise a hallelujah,
I raise a hallelujah
I raise a hallelujah.

*Jonathan David Helser, Melissa Helser, Molly Skaggs
and Jake Stevens*

OPENING PRAYERS

Led by Deacon Ali McMillan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please join in using your own language or the version you prefer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev'd Lansford Penn-Timothy and Deacon Ali McMillan

OFFERING PRAYER

Led by Deacon Ali McMillan

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:11-28 TNIV

Read by Naomi Viscosu

¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

¹² Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you.

¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit's fire. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²² reject every kind of evil.

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

25 Brothers and sisters, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

VIDEO SONG – O Come To The Altar

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes, a new life is born
Jesus is calling

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Oh what a Saviour
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen

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The Father's arms are open wide
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Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you found

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 18:1-8 TNIV
Read by Wes Gibbs

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: 'In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, "Grant me justice against my adversary."

⁴ 'For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, "Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"'

⁶ And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says.

⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?'

SERMON 'Pray always and do not lose heart' **Deacon Ali McMillan**

VIDEO SONG – God Of Justice

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God of justice, Saviour to all,
came to rescue the weak and the poor;
chose to serve and not be served.
Jesus, you have called us.
Freely we've received, now freely we will give.

*We must go,
live to feed the hungry,
stand beside the broken,
we must go.
Stepping forward
keep us from just singing,
move us into action,
we must go.*

To act justly every day,
loving mercy in every way,
walking humbly before you, God.
You have shown us what you require.
Freely we've received, now freely we will give.

*We must go,
live to feed the hungry,
stand beside the broken,
we must go.
Stepping forward
keep us from just singing,
move us into action,
we must go.*

Fill us up and send us out,
fill us up and send us out,
fill us up and send us out, Lord.

Fill us up and send us out,
fill us up and send us out,
fill us up and send us out, Lord.

Fill us up and send us out,
fill us up and send us out,
fill us up and send us out, Lord.

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Tim Hughes (born 1978)

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Led by Revd Lansford Penn-Timothy

ONE MINUTE TESTIMONY

LOVE FEAST

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VIDEO HYMN – All Praise To Our Redeeming Lord

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All praise to our redeeming Lord,
Who joins us by his grace,
And bids us, each to each restored,
Together seek his face.

He bids us build each other up;
And, gathered into one,
To our high calling's glorious hope
We hand in hand go on.

The gift which he on one bestows,
We all delight to prove;
The grace through every vessel flows,
In purest streams of love.

Ev'n now we think and speak the same,
And cordially agree;
Concentred all, through Jesu's name,
In perfect harmony.

We all partake the joy of one,
The common peace we feel,
A peace to sensual minds unknown,
A joy unspeakable.

And if our fellowship below
in Jesus be so sweet,
What heights of rapture shall we know
When round his throne we meet!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

CONTACTING THE HEALING PRAYER TEAM

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VIDEO OUTRO ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Overture to the Occasional Oratorio First Movt by Handel played at Westminster Abbey (Gerard Brooks)

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