

“Onward and Upward: Traveling Through the ‘Songs of Ascents’” (Psalm 126:1-6)

Psalm 126 is set against the backdrop of the Jewish people returning to Jerusalem after their E_____.

PART 1: A G_____ T_____ remembered (vss. 1-3)

- Reflecting back on something A_____ that God did.
- Think back over the past 8 years here...
- Then, we moved into the “in B_____”
- Too good to be true...feels like a D_____
- Connected with L_____ and J_____
- It is meant to be S_____ (“among the N_____”)

PART 2: Another G_____ T_____ hoped for (vss. 4-6)

If He’s done it B_____, He’ll do it A_____

- Streams in the Negev: standing in a dry place and expecting (in the future) M_____, R_____ waters again.
- Tears and W_____ often keep us in the “in B_____”
- But we are to S_____ in tears
 - 1) Sowing comes before R_____/harvesting
 - 2) Sowing involves actually putting S_____ in the G_____
 - 3) Sowing and reaping T_____ T_____

Carrying seed to sow = C_____ to the P_____ of God

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SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH

February 26, 2023 ~ 11:00 AM

Striving to be the complete church using our complete gifts completely.

Welcome Rev. Mark Miller

Prelude *As We Seek Your Face* Bilbrough

*Call to Worship *In the Presence of the Lord* Blankenship

*Invocation Lydia Baldwin

*Praise Hymn #216 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dan McFaden

*+Offertory Hymn #424 *Heavenly Sunlight* SUNLIGHT

Offertory Prayer Virginia Ryan
Deacon of the Month

Offertory Music *Like A River Glorious* Havergal

*The Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Musical Meditation *A Joyful Song* Pethel
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Psalm 126:1-6

Message Rev. Mark Miller
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*Invitation Hymn #410 *It Is Well* VILLE DU HAVRE

*Benediction Rev. Mark Miller

*Closing Response
L: We leave this time of worship, knowing that Christ Jesus has made us his own.
P: **We take the fruits of our time together into the world,**
L: bringing joy to those who weep,
P: **welcome to the outcast,**
L: and comfort to those who grieve.
A: **God is doing a new thing. Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude *Arise and Sing* Ray

*Please stand if you are able
+Children released for Children's Church (for 5 yrs. - 5th grade)