

MARCH 5, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another

Psalm 91:1-2

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

I will say of the LORD,

“He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

HYMN 177 ~ WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of Life;
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of Life.
Words of Life and beauty, teach me faith and duty:

***Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of Life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of Life.***

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of Life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of Life.
All so freely given, wooing us to Heaven:
Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of Life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of Life.
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever:

HYMN 178 ~ THY WORD

***Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.***

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear, as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

***Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.***

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side.
And I will love You to the end.

***Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.***

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Prayer

HYMN 162 ~ WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS (1, 3)

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer!

O, what peace we often forfeit, O, what needless pain we bear.

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge! Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do Thy friends despise forsake Thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

In His arms He'll take and shield Thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

HYMN 166 ~ SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER (1-2)

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,

That calls me from a world of care,

And bids me at my Father's throne

Make all my wants and wishes known;

In seasons of distress and grief,

My soul has often found relief,

And oft escaped the tempter's snare,

By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,

Thy wings shall my petition bear,

To Him whose truth and faithfulness

Engage the waiting soul to bless;

And since He bids me seek His face,

Believe His Word and trust His grace,

I'll cast on Him my every care,

And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

AGNUS DEI

Alleluia, alleluia,

For the Lord, God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia, alleluia,

For the Lord, God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia.

Holy, holy are You Lord, God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb,

Worthy is the Lamb.

For You are holy,

Holy are You Lord, God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb,

Worthy is the Lamb.

Amen.

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Giving to the Lord

RISE AGAIN

Go ahead, drive the nails in My hands;
Laugh at Me where you stand.
Go ahead, and say it isn't Me.
The day will come when you will see!

**'Cause I'll rise again;
Ain't no pow'r on earth can tie Me down.
Yes, I'll rise again;
Death can't keep Me in the ground!**

Go ahead, and mock My name.
My love for you is still the same.
Go ahead, and bury Me.
But very soon I will be free!

**'Cause I'll rise again;
Ain't no pow'r on earth can tie Me down.
Yes, I'll rise again;
Death can't keep Me in the ground!**

Go ahead and say I'm dead and gone,
But you will see that you were wrong.
Go ahead, try to hide the Son,
But all will see that I'm the One!

**'Cause I'll come again;
Ain't no pow'r on earth can keep me back.
Yes, I'll come again;
Come to take My people back!**

**'Cause I'll come again;
Ain't no pow'r on earth can keep me back.
Yes, I'll come again;
Come to take My people back!**

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Prayer

The Path to God's Mercy

Zephaniah 1:8-18

I. THE SETTING (1:1)

- A. Zephaniah (1a)
- B. Josiah (1b)

II. THE SWEEPING (1:2-3)

- A. The Locations Involved (2)
- B. The Lives Impacted (3)

III. THE STRETCHING (1:4-6)

- A. The People Specified (4a)
- B. The Problem Spelled Out (4b-6)
 - 1. *Professional Idolatry (4b)*
 - 2. *Personal Idolatry (5a)*
 - 3. *Practical Idolatry (5b)*
 - 4. *Prolonged Idolatry (6)*
 - a. *Idolatry Blinds*
 - b. *Idolatry Deafens*

IV. THE SILENCE (1:7A)

- A. Silence
- B. Sovereignty
- C. Speed

V. THE SACRIFICE (1:7B-13)

- A. The Sacrifice (7b)
- B. Those Set Apart (8-13)
 - 1. *Princes (8)*
 - 2. *Powerful (9)*
 - 3. *Prosperous (10-11)*
 - 4. *Pretentious (12-13)*

VI. THE SCENE (1:14-18)

- A. The Plan ~ Swiftly (14)
- B. The Picture ~ Severity (15-16)
- C. The Problem – Sin (17-18)

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Lord, the light of Your love is shining;
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

**Shine, Jesus, shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze. Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

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Announcements

Foreknown Ministries Door Offering: *March 5*

Following this morning's Worship Service, we will have a door offering to help with the work of Foreknown Ministries. Alyson Brown and Kelsi Cole presented Foreknown Ministries to the church back on October 23.

Men's Fellowship: *March 8, 7:00 am*

Men's Fellowship meets at the church in the Fellowship Hall. We meet at 7:00 a.m. and are continuing our discussion with the life of Peter in Matthew 16 and 17.

Praise Team Rehearsal: *March 8, 7:00 pm*

The Praise Team plans to rehearse this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Everyone who loves to sing is invited to join with us.

Maundy Thursday Rehearsal: *March 8, 7:30 pm*

We are working on songs for the Maundy Thursday Service (April 6) and invite anyone to come and participate.

Board Meeting: *March 13, 7:00 pm*

The Church Board plans to meet on Monday evening, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. with Allan Windsheimer giving the devotions.

Heavenly Heartbeats: *March 15, 5:30 pm*

Heavenly Heartbeats Women's Bible study will meet again on Wednesday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m. and will be continuing the study of James. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more details, contact Arlene Weimer (970) 380-6041 or weimer3138@gmail.com.

Spaghetti Lunch: *March 26, 11:00 am*

The Youth are planning a Spaghetti Lunch, following the Worship Service on March 26, to help raise funds for a Summer Mission Trip.

Offerings

Thank you so very much for your faithful giving. Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at www.iechurch.org.