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WELCOME

“SATISFIED IN YOU (PSALM 42)”

[Verse 1]

I have lost my appetite,
And a flood is welling up
behind my eyes.

So, I eat the tears I cry.

And if that were not enough,
They know just the words to cut
and tear and prod,

When they ask me "Where's your God?"

[Chorus 1]

Why are you downcast, oh my soul?

Why so disturbed within me?

I can remember when you
showed your face to me.

As a deer pants for water,
so my soul thirsts for You.

And when I survey Your splendor,
You so faithfully renew.

Like a bed of rest . . . for my fainting flesh,
I am satisfied in You.

[Verse 2]

When I'm staring at the ground,
It's an inbred feedback loop that brings me down.

So, it's time to lift my brow.

And remember better days,

When I loved to worship You in all Your ways
With the sweetest songs of praise.

[Chorus 1]

[Verse 3]

So, when I'm drowning out at sea,
And Your breakers and Your waves
crash down on me.

I'll recall Your safety scheme.

You're the One who made the waves,

And Your Son went out to
suffer in my place,

And to tell me that I'm saved.

[Chorus 2]

Why are you downcast, oh my soul?

Why so disturbed within me?

I can remember when you
showed your face to me.

As a deer pants for water,
so my soul thirsts for You.

And when I survey Your splendor,
You so faithfully renew.

Let my sighs give way to songs
that sing about Your faithfulness.

Let my pain reveal Your glory as my only real rest.

Let my losses show me all I truly have is You.

Like a bed of rest . . . for my fainting flesh,
I am satisfied in You.

I am satisfied in You. (x3)

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: The New Testament book of James tell us, “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” God gave us the Ten Commandments which, at times, we treat like recommendations. But James tells us, “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.” God has commanded us to respect, believe, and follow his Word, but we have stumbled. We have broken his law. Let us come before the loving God, asking him to forgive our sins and strengthen us to live our lives for him.

All: Heavenly Father, you alone are God. You are all powerful. You are unchanging. You are love. And what you have asked me to do, I did not do. I have sinned against you in my thoughts, by my words and with my actions. Have mercy on me, not because I have earned it or deserved it, but because of your unfailing love and your Son Jesus. Assure me of the forgiveness of my sins, take away my guilt and give me strength to live according to you Word.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

WL: God, our heavenly Father, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. When he sees you—he sees Jesus. May the God of hope fill you with the peace and joy that comes only through his forgiveness and give you his strength to live according to his will. Amen.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

FIRST LESSON

Romans 13:1-7

¹ Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴ For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword

for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.

⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-36

²⁷ "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.

³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.

³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.

³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE”

[Verse 1]

We are one in the Spirit.
We are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit.
We are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity.
May one day be restored,

[Chorus]

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

[Verse 2]

We will walk with each other.
We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other.
We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land,

[Chorus]

[Verse 3]

We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard human dignity
And save human pride

[Chorus]

[Verse 4]

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to
Christ Jesus His only Son
And all praise to
The Spirit who makes us one.

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GUIDANCE FOR THE JOURNEY:

HONOR

A recent survey indicated “high anxiety among Americans during COVID-19 pandemic.” In addition to anxiety caused by COVID-19, all of us may have other anxiety-causing matters before us in our personal lives. And so, considering what’s going on related to COVID-19, some have commented, “It’s a crazy time.”

*How does one make it through such a time as this?
How do Christians travel this part of the journey of their lives?*

The Bible tells us about a large group of God’s people on a journey. They were the Nation of Israel after God rescued them from slavery in Egypt. They had present and future challenges before them. However, they were blessed with relationship with God and with one another. To use the current slogan, they were “in it together.”

But how did they make their way? How did they do the journey?

The Bible tells us that God guided them. One of the ways through which God guided Israel was through what we call the Ten Commandments. God used the Ten Commandments to direct Israel in their relationship with him and with one another.

For this year’s summer message series—during this “crazy time”—may God use our exploration of the Ten Commandments to guide us through this segment of our life’s journey.

EXODUS 20:12

⁷ “Honor your father and your mother,
so that you may live long in the land
the LORD your God is giving you.”

PRAYER

Vicar Tim will offer the Prayer. Following the prayer:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

“COME THOU FOUNT”

[Verse 1]

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing;
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing;
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet;
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it;
Mount of Thy unchanging love

[Verse 2]

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Here there by Thy help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure;
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger;
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger;
Interposed His precious blood

[Verse 3]

O to grace how great a debtor; Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter; Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above

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THE BLESSING

WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

-*UPDATED*- If you would like to know the songs that we are planning on using during the this series, and listen to them on your own, in the car while commuting, or with your family, you can follow our playlist on Spotify. This playlist will be updated throughout the series.

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You can search for it there or you can scan this code in the app. To scan a Spotify Code, go to the search bar, tap the search bar and you will see a camera icon, tap the camera and then hover the camera over this code:



WANT TO LISTEN TO MORE?

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship over the year:

**Also, feel free to send song suggestions or recommendations to Staff Minister Kyle Heise. 😊*



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