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REFLECTIONS

Darkness comes. In the middle of it, the future looks blank. The temptation to quit is huge. Don't. You are in good company.... You will argue with yourself that there is no way forward. But with God, nothing is impossible. He has more ropes and ladders and tunnels out of pits than you can conceive. Wait. Pray without ceasing. Hope.

John Piper

Contemporary North American pastor and author

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.

Lamentations 3.24-25, ESV

Hope pushes back the effects of the fall [sin and darkness]—it plants flowers in a weed-strewn vacant field. It labors a lifetime to set up another scientist to discover the cure to Lou Gehrig's disease. Hope preaches in a small, rural outpost in a sparse state, dreaming that someday a child who hears the rhythms of the water and the cadence of the words will write *A River Runs Through It*. Hope suffers but refuses to anesthetize the pain; it dreams and refuses to give in to the visible and the dull. Hope is the wager of the talents we have been given through faith (Galatians 5:5).

Dr. Dan B. Allender

Contemporary North American author, professor, and speaker
*The Healing Path: How the Hurts in Your Past Can Lead You
to a More Abundant Life*

CREATION

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

*** There will be no separate **Children's Worship** during worship this week. We would love to serve families with younger children, ages 0-4, in our nursery downstairs.*

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-4 ESV
Rev. Stephen Yates

Leader:

*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

All:

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader:

*For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.*

All:

In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

The Lord Is King

Prayer of Adoration (Concluded by the Lord's 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. 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.

FALL

Mighty to Save

Prayer of Confession

Leader:

*Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. You have been faithful to us in your goodness and mercy, but we have used your patience as an excuse to be unfaithful.*

All:

Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world, and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Encouragement

1 John 1:8-9, NIV

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

REDEMPTION

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

Daniel 9:18, NIV

Give ear, O God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy.

The Passing of the Peace

*The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.*

Worship through Giving

Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

The Goodness of the Lord

(Lamentations 3)

Scripture Reading

Micah 7:1-3, 7-8, 18-20, ESV

Woe is me! For I have become
as when the summer fruit has been gathered,
as when the grapes have been gleaned:
there is no cluster to eat,
no first-ripe fig that my soul desires.
²The godly has perished from the earth,
and there is no one upright among mankind;
they all lie in wait for blood,
and each hunts the other with a net.
³Their hands are on what is evil, to do it well;
the prince and the judge ask for a bribe,
and the great man utters the evil desire of his soul;
thus they weave it together.
⁷ But as for me, I will look to the LORD;
I will wait for the God of my salvation;
my God will hear me.

⁸ Rejoice not over me, O my enemy;
when I fall, I shall rise;
when I sit in darkness,
the LORD will be a light to me.

¹⁸ Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.

¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

²⁰ You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Andrew Flatgard

“Though I Have Fallen, I Will Rise”

RESTORATION

Communion

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

All Communion bread is gluten-free.

Trays contain wine in the middle and grape juice in the outer rim.

Please hold the elements until everyone is served and we will all take them together.

Psalm 72

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17, NIV

Loving our community to life by pursuing gospel restoration