

# The Lord's Day

Faith Community Baptist Church

March 20, 2016



## Silent Meditation and Prayer Upon Entering

*The word of truth's a spacious field, Adorned with fragrant flowers;  
A golden mine, where we may search, And make the treasure ours.*

*Here streams of milk and honey flow, Divinely rich and free;  
Here Christ unveils his lovely face, And bids us come and see.*

*Here's living water, living bread, And more than angels fare;  
Millions of souls have been supplied, And yet there's much to spare.*

*Here, as upon the tree of life, Fruits grow of various kind;  
And as in famed Bethesda's pool, We help and healing find.*

*Come then, my soul, these truths attend, With humble hope and fear;  
Here search for Christ, the pearl of price, And thou shalt find him here.*

*Then widely spread his worth and fame, Let heathens hear his voice;  
Oh send his word to every shore, And bid the earth rejoice.*

Benjamin Beddome  
Hymn 682, *Treasures of the Word*

*Prelude*

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# The Worship of God

## Welcome of the Gospel

As we gather today for the high and glorious privilege of worship, be welcomed beloved saints by the words of our brother Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ.

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

[Text taken from 1Peter 1:1-2 ESV]

## Musical Interlude

*During this time we encourage you to spend a few moments in quiet and prayerful preparation before God seeking his gracious help approaching him in worship. You might consider silently praying something like the following: Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen. [Prayer based on Psalm 19:14]*

## God Calls Us to Worship and We Gather Together

### Scriptural Call to Worship

[Taken from 1Peter 1:3-9 ESV]

Worship Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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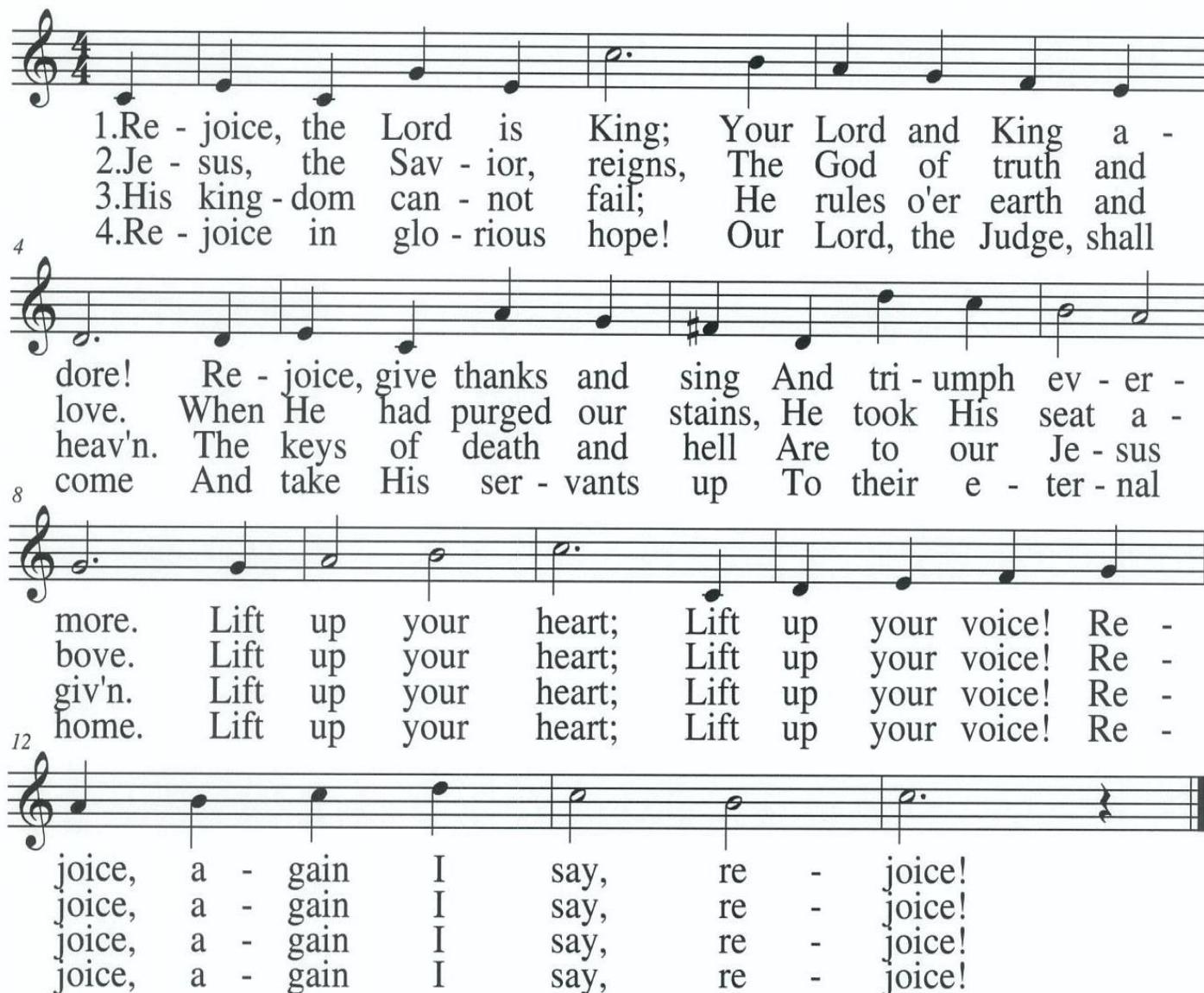
### Musical Call to Worship

#### Hymn 370: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Text: Charles Wesley

Music: John Darwall

CCLI: 1596816



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King; Your Lord and King a -  
2. Je - sus, the Sav - ior, reigns, The God of truth and  
3. His king - dom can - not fail; He rules o'er earth and  
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall  
4 dore! Re - joice, give thanks and sing And tri - umph ev - er -  
love. When He had purged our stains, He took His seat a -  
heav'n. The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus  
8 come And take His ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal  
more. Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice! Re -  
12 bove. Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice! Re -  
giv'n. Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice! Re -  
home. Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice! Re -  
joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
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### Prayer of Invocation

#### Musical Interlude

*[During this time we encourage you to spend a few moments reflecting on the wonder that the God of all creation summons you to His worship. He has called us to himself and he requires and deserves a fitting response from us in adoration for his self-revelation.]*

## God Reveals Who He Is and We Respond in Adoration

Worship Leader: Hear the Word of the Lord from Deu 30:1-10

And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, and return to the LORD your God, you and

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your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. And the LORD your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you. And you shall again obey the voice of the LORD and keep all his commandments that I command you today. The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, when you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

### **Hymn: *Divine Faithfulness***

By Benjamin Beddome

Sung to the tune of *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

1 The truth of God shall still endure,  
And firm his promise stand;  
Believing souls may rest secure  
In his almighty hand.

2 Should earth and hell their forces join,  
He would contemn their rage,  
And render fruitless their design,  
Against his heritage.

3 The rainbow round about his throne,  
Proclaims his faithfulness;  
He will his purposes perform,  
His promises of grace.

4 Mountains and hills shall melt away,  
But he is still the same;  
Let saints to him their homage pay,  
And magnify his name.

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## **God Reveals Our Sin and We Offer Confession**

Worship Leader: Hear the Word of the Lord from Deu 30:11-20

"For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Prayer of Petition and Confession led by Paul Thomas

## **God Grants Forgiveness and We Offer Thanks**

Gospel Proclamation and Assurance of Pardon

Worship Leader: Hear the Word of the Lord from Rom 10:1-13

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that

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is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

### Offering of Thanksgiving for the Gospel Thanksgiving Expressed in Song

#### Hymn: *Hope Alone from the Gospel*

By Benjamin Beddome

Sung to the tune of *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

1 God's holy law transgressed,  
Speaks nothing but despair;  
Burdened with guilt, with grief oppressed,  
We find no comfort there.

2 Not all our groans and tears.  
Nor works which we have done,  
Nor vows, nor promises, nor prayers,  
Can e'er for sin atone.

3 Relief alone is found  
In Jesus' precious blood;  
Tis this that heals the mortal wound,  
And reconciles to God.

4 High lifted on the cross,  
The spotless victim dies;  
This is salvation's only source,  
And hence our hopes arise.

### Thanksgiving Expressed in the Giving of God's Tithe

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

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## **God Speaks His Word and We Submit to His Truth**

### **The Reading of the Word by Paul Thomas from Rom 10:14-11:36**

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people." I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? "Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life." But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace. What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, as it is written, "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day." And David says, "Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them; let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and bend their backs forever." So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean! Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches.

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If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree. Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob"; "and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins." As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

### Response to the Reading of the Word

Worship Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. All men are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

**Congregation:** The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.

### Prayer for the Illumination of the Scripture

### The Preaching of the Word by Pastor Jason

## *The Call to Dominion... The Inheritance of a Dynasty* The Story of the Hebrew Scriptures: The Book of Deuteronomy

## The Tasting of the Word by the Congregation

### The Invitation to Come to the Table of the Lord

Worship Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to some of his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread. Come, then, to the joyful feast of our Lord.

### Fencing of the Table of the Lord

Worship Leader: This feast is for all who love him and who have come to him alone for salvation. All who are broken over their sin, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and are humbled before him as the resurrected Lord. It is for all who have obediently received his other covenantal sign of baptism which he has appointed to be received by all who name his name. In short - it is a feast for his gathered church. His church is called to come and gather at the table of the feast with gladness of heart and eager expectation of satisfaction in his gifts. Gifts of God which are for the people of God.

### Preparing Our Hearts for the Table

Prayers of Meditation for Communion: If you are not (or even if you are) participating in the Lord's Table with us this morning, it is our hope that the following prayers may prove helpful for your prayerful meditation as the bread and cup are passed.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth: Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and show me the reality of who You are. Amen

Prayer of Belief: Heavenly Father, I admit that I am more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through Your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You that He lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I deserved. Receive me now for His sake. I turn from my sins and receive Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin: Lord Jesus, help me to look to You as the fulfillment of all my needs, and to turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment: Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.

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## The Service of the Table of the Lord

### The Ministry of the Loaf

Worship Leader: The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**Congregation: We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.**

Worship Leader: Brothers and Sisters the Apostle Paul has told us in the Scripture...that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread and gave thanks for it.

#### *Prayer for the Bread*

Worship Leader: And when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples

#### *Distribution, Meditation and Taking of the Bread*

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*While I gaze upon the emblems of my Saviour's death, may I ponder why he died, and hear him say, 'I gave my life to purchase yours, presented myself an offering to expiate your sin, shed my blood to blot out your guilt, opened my side to make you clean, endured your curses to set you free, bore your condemnation to satisfy divine justice.'*

Worship Leader: When he had given the bread to his disciples he said to them: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." The Body of Christ, given for you.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

### The Ministry of the Cup

Worship Leader: The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**Congregation: The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

Worship Leader: Paul further records for us that he took the cup and offered thanks.

#### *Prayer for the Cup*

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Worship Leader: After he had given thanks for the cup, Jesus gave it to his disciples.

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Worship Leader: The Scripture tells us that having given the cup to his disciples said to them: "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." The Cup of the New Covenant.

### **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Worship Leader: Remember Brothers and Sisters the words of the beloved Apostle Paul when he wrote the church:

As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### Prayer of Dedication

Worship Leader: Let us come to our Father together in the dedication of ourselves to him in light of the glorious gift he has given us in the gospel after the manner in which he taught us to pray:

### **Congregation:**

Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in 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. Amen.

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# God Commissions Us and We Respond in Holy Living

## Musical Benediction

### Hymn: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

Text: John Fawcett  
Music: Henry T. Smart  
CCLI: 1596816

1. Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless - ing;  
2. Thanks we give and a - do - ra - tion  
3. So that when Thy love shall call us,  
3 Fill our hearts with joy and peace; Let us each Thy  
For Thy Gos - pel's joy - ful sound; May the fruits of  
Sav - ior, from the world a - way, Let no fear of  
6 love poss-ess - ing, Tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
Thy sal - va - tion In our hearts and lives a - bound.  
9 death ap - pall us, Glad Thy sum - mons to o - bey.  
O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us, Travel - ing through this  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful, To the truth may  
12 May we ev - er, may we ev - er, Reign with Thee in  
wil - der - ness.  
we be found.  
end - less day.

## Scriptural Benediction

[Benediction taken from 1Pe 1:22-25 ESV]

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

## Postlude

