

Order of Service

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Message by Joachim Dau



“Living a Balanced Life”

Jeremiah 6:16

Based on the question “How to balance faith and life?”

We are continuing our series called “Good Question” based on questions on God, the Bible and the life of faith that have been suggested by you.

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Call to Worship Psalm 99:1-5

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble;

he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

² Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.

⁴ The King is mighty, he loves justice—you have established equity;

in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

⁵ Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

Song Be Thou My Vision (HWB 545)

<http://www.gbod3.org/sorter/audio/SLANE1.mp3>

Thou my vision, O lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by the day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with Thee, and thou with me Lord;
Thou my Great Father, thy child may I be,
Thou in me dwelling and I one with Thee.

Be Thou my buckler, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower.
Raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven after victory is won,
may I reach Heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayer

God, in the hectic pace of daily life, I often fail ... to rest in You.
When political leaders, and these days also medical experts, make pronouncements, I tend to stop and listen.
Yet, they are but a whisper against the backdrop of Your creative work in the world ... and in my life.
When so much is different, and unsettling, help me refocus on the gift of kindness and grace, which You have shared with me through Jesus.
Forgive my moments of frustration; prevent me from erupting in anger, when tasks take longer than expected, or when I cannot be with ones I love dearly.
Guide my thought and reflection, as I worship through song and Your Word. Amen.

Invitation to Personal Prayer

*We invite you to offer up your own prayers in this time,
whether silently or spoken out loud, praying for yourselves,
our community, country and world in this time.*

Song Faithful One

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PjSO5IhI0M>

Faithful one, so unchanging
Ageless one, you're my rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on you
I call out to you, again and again
I call out to you, again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm
Your love is, the anchor
My hope is in you alone

Text Matthew 22:15-22

Read by Ziggy Wright

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians.

"Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax."

They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

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Song Build My Life

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZW4_8_zCBE

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

*Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

And I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Benediction

We thank Joachim Dau for sharing the message this morning, and wish him God's blessings of balance for his family life, his work, and ministry with the church.

Just a reminder, while we cannot gather as a faith community there are expenses of the church that continue. Check the bulletin for information for ways you can support the ministry of the church. Your generosity is much appreciated.

With thanksgiving to God, continue to pray for one another, and for those who are particularly isolated these days. Remember that God is at work in the world. For the coming days your trust in Jesus will guide your faith, prompt your love, and inspire your love. Be blessed with the peace of Christ, Amen.

Based on 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3