



**The Lord's Day | September 26, 2021**  
**Worship Christ | Build Community | Love Cary**

**Preparation**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 30:4

**All: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.**

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Hymns and Songs**

***Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah***

Hymn 598

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'ful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

***Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery***

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.  
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!  
Look to Christ who condescended took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man.  
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.

See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain him; praise the Lord; he is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope.

Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.  
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### ***Christ Is Mine Forevermore***

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with him.  
Yet, I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.

*Chorus*            But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, his love is sure.  
                         For Christ has paid for every failing; I am his forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.  
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.

*Chorus*            But mine is peace that flows from heaven, and the strength in times of need.  
                         I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.  
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for his name.

*Chorus*            But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war.  
                         and he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore.

*Chorus*            And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk.  
                         For there my heart has found its treasure; Christ is mine forevermore.

*Bridge*            Come rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward.  
                         Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore. (Repeat *Bridge*)

*Chorus*            And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk.  
                         For there my heart has found its treasure; Christ is mine forevermore.

### **Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 42-44

**Leader:** What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

**All:** The sum of the Ten Commandments is to love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.

**Leader:** What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?

**All: The preface to the Ten Commandments is: I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.**

**Leader:** What does the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

**All: The preface to the Ten Commandments teaches us that because God is the LORD and our God and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.**

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance**

**Church Life Announcements**

**Prayer for Offering**

**Doxology (with Alleluias)**

Hymn 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Pastoral Prayer**

Michael Pendley

**Scripture Reading**

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. 9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**Sermon**

"Rescued"

Doug Domin

**Hymn of Rejoicing**

***What a Friend We Have In Jesus***

Hymn 629

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

What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

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

all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--take it to the Lord 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.

## **Benediction**

All Bible quotations are ESV, unless otherwise noted. Hymn numbers are from the Trinity Hymnal 1990.  
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**Sermon Questions for September 26, 2021**  
**Living in the Will of God - "Rescued "**  
**I Thessalonians 1:1-10**

1. How was this church started by Paul? What was Paul's experience in Thessalonica compared to Berea? See Acts 17:1-15
  
2. Paul ends the chapter saying we are rescued from the coming wrath of God. How will we view ourselves if we fail to accept this truth? What will happen if we don't believe Jesus has rescued us?
  
3. As you read the passage together as a group, what themes do you see? Can you conclude Paul assumes these believers are elect? What evidences does he highlight?
  
4. The first point made in the sermon was the teaching in verse 4 of election. How does the Bible interpret this doctrine? See Romans 9 and Ephesians 1:3 and also 2 Thess. 2:13. This is a hard teaching for sure. Can you share how you came to believe this teaching or do you still struggle with it? If this doctrine of election is true, how should we view ourselves? How should we view God?
  
5. In this first chapter Paul talks about the Holy Spirit. Where does he mention the Holy Spirit and what does he teach? How have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your life of late?
  
6. Paul says these believers turned from idols to serve the living God? What are modern day idols that we as believers living in a very prosperous area would do well to turn away from?