



**The Lord's Day | October 10, 2021**  
**Worship Christ | Build Community | Love Cary**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 47:1-2

**Leader:** Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**All:** For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Hymn and Song of Adoration**

***How Firm a Foundation***

Hymn 94

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
for I am your God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“E'en down to old age all my people shall prove  
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;

that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

### ***Only a Holy God***

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises? What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a holy God.

*Chorus*            Come and behold him, the one and the only.  
                          Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God. Come and worship the holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated? Only a holy God. *Chorus*

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer his only Son?  
Who else invites me to call him Father?  
Only a holy God, only my holy God. *Chorus* twice

### **Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 49-52

**Leader:** Which is the second commandment?

**All:** **The second commandment is: You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to thousands who love me and keep my commandments.**

**Leader:** What are the duties required in the second commandment?

**All:** **The second commandment requires us to receive, observe, and keep pure and entire all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word.**

**Leader:** What is forbidden in the second commandment?

**All:** **The second commandment forbids the worship of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.**

**Leader:** What are the reasons attached to the second commandment?

**All:** **The reasons attached to the second commandment are God's authority as our lawgiver, the fact that we belong to him, and the zeal he has for his own worship.**

### **Prayer of Confession and Assurance**

### **Hymn of Assurance**

### ***My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less***

Hymn 521

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:*            On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
                         all other ground is sinking sand,  
                         all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, and his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

### **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**

Ken Langley

#### **Scripture Reading**

I Thessalonians 2:17-20; I Thessalonians 3:1-13

<sup>2:17</sup> But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, <sup>18</sup> because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. <sup>19</sup> For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? <sup>20</sup> For you are our glory and joy.

<sup>3:1</sup> Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, <sup>2</sup> and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith, <sup>3</sup> that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this. <sup>4</sup> For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass, and just as you know. <sup>5</sup> For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.

<sup>6</sup> But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you— <sup>7</sup> for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and

affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. <sup>8</sup> For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup> as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup> and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup> so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Sermon:** "Living in the Will of God - God's Providence, Gospel Affection, & a Glorious Crown"

Jono Darville

## **Song of Rejoicing**

### **Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom.  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken. For by my side, the Savior he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing. For in my need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon. And he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day, I know he will renew me. Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: yet not I, but through Christ in me.

## **Benediction**

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**Sermon Questions for October 10, 2021**  
**Living in the Will of God - “God’s Providence, Gospel Affection, & a Glorious Crown”**  
**I Thessalonians 2:17-3:15**

1. Who has had a significant impact on your spiritual life and why?
  
2. How does Paul’s affection for the Thessalonians reflect God’s affection for us in Christ?
  
3. How does knowledge of God’s providence change the way we view the various trials of life?
  
4. What does it look like, practically speaking, to minister to and encourage one another in times of affliction and persecution? How can we encourage our brothers and sisters who are suffering around the world?
  
5. Paul says that the Thessalonians will be he and his fellow workers “glory” and “crown of boasting” at Jesus’ return. This claim is not made in the context of explaining how one is saved. That said, discuss how we square boasting only in the cross of Christ and justification by faith with this claim? Hint: Read Ephesians 2:8-10 and 1 Corinthians 15:10