



**The Lord's Day | October 31, 2021**  
**Worship Christ | Build Community | Love Cary**

**Gathering Song**

***Jesus, Strong and Kind***

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.  
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.

*Chorus* For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him. *Chorus*

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me.  
And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me. *Chorus*

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 46:1-3

**Leader:** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**All:** Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**Leader:** "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

**All:** The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Prayer of Adoration**

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**Hymn and Song of Adoration**

***A Mighty Fortress***

Hymn 92

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;

were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;  
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is for ever.

### **Cornerstone**

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

*Chorus*            Christ alone, cornerstone,  
                          weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
                          Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.  
My anchor holds within the veil. *Chorus*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found.  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne.  
Faultless stand before the throne. *Chorus twice*

### **Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 61-62

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

**All:** The fourth commandment forbids the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the misuse of the day by idleness, sinful acts, or unnecessary thoughts, words or works about our worldly affairs and recreations.

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

**All:** The reasons attached to the fourth commandment are God's allowance of six days for worldly tasks, his claim to special ownership of the seventh, his own example, and his blessing of the sabbath day.

### **Confession of Sin**

Jeremiah 17:5-9

**Leader:** Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD.

**All: He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.**

**Leader:** "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

**All: The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?**

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 5:1-5

**Leader:** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

**Leader:** Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings,

**All: knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

### **Song of Assurance**

#### ***O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer***

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, greatest treasure of my longing soul,  
my God, like you there is no other. True delight is found in you alone.  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom, your love exceeds the heavens' reach;  
your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom, my highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, strong defender of my weary heart,  
my sword to fight the cruel deceiver and my shield against his hateful darts,  
my song when enemies surround me, my hope when tides of sorrow rise,  
my joy when trials are abounding, your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, gracious Savior of my ruined life,  
my guilt and cross laid on your shoulders, in my place you suffered, bled, and died.  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered. You broke my bonds of sin and shame.  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, may all my days bring glory to your name.  
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**Church 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**

Doug Domin

**New Testament Reading**

I Thessalonians 5:13-18

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

<sup>12</sup> We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, <sup>13</sup> and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. <sup>15</sup> See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup> Abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

<sup>25</sup> Brothers, pray for us.

<sup>26</sup> Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

<sup>27</sup> I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers.

<sup>28</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Song of Rejoicing*****All I Have Is Christ***

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way;  
the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will  
and if you had not loved me first I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost  
you looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;  
and I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place,  
you bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

*Chorus*            Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now Lord I would be yours alone and live so all might see  
the strength to follow your commands could never come from me.  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose  
and let my song forever be my only boast is you. *Chorus* twice

**Benediction****Postlude**

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## SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AT PEACE

Dear Peace women—we want to let you know that we have 3 organized groups here that can offer you support in a variety of ways: **Titus 2, Stephen Ministry, and the Women's Prayer & Care Team**. Their attributes and objectives are different—please see the descriptions below.

### **Titus 2:**

Session recently approved Cathy Blonshine, Patti Chapman, Veronica deVries, Kelly Frazier, Kathy Fuller, Tanya Register, Dolores Rundle, and Julie Wright as **Titus 2 Women**. They will serve women as they help the elders fulfill their responsibilities of providing pastoral care to Peace's women and families. These women are available upon request when elders are called to minister in situations where the absence of a woman is awkward. A Titus 2 Woman counsels and helps from the perspective of a woman in those situations. This help is intended to be on a short-term basis with the goal of transitioning the woman into the ongoing ministries of Peace that provide sustaining care and support. Since completing 11 months of training, Titus 2 Women are committed to serve a three-year term. If you need assistance, you may contact Kelly Frazier ([kdfrazier6@live.com](mailto:kdfrazier6@live.com) or 919-521-2924) or Doug Domin ([doug@peacepca.org](mailto:doug@peacepca.org) or 919-937-8537).

### **Stephen Ministry:**

Stephen Ministry is a ministry whereby women come alongside women (and men with men) who are experiencing a difficult time. The main purpose of a Stephen Minister (or Caregiver) is to point their Care Receiver to God, The Cure Giver. Stephen Ministers do not counsel, but instead listen, support, encourage, and pray for their Care Receivers as they meet weekly for an indefinite period of time. The relationship is strictly confidential. Stephen Ministers go through 50 hours of initial training. If you need a Stephen Minister, contact Jan Coates ([jan.c.coates@gmail.com](mailto:jan.c.coates@gmail.com) or 919-244-1135).

### **The Women's Prayer & Care Team**

The Women's Prayer & Care Team provides a foundation of prayer and connection to all women of Peace. Each month, the members of the team contact specific Peace women with the goal of encouraging and praying for them. The team also joins together monthly to pray for the women contacted that month. Throughout the course of a year, all women of Peace will be contacted and prayed for. Contact Emily Batten ([emilycbatten@gmail.com](mailto:emilycbatten@gmail.com) or 910-465-2075) to request prayer,

**Sermon Questions for October 31, 2021**  
**Living in the Will of God - "Living in Anticipation"**  
**I Thessalonians 5:1-28**

1. Describe the two ways to live (spiritually, morally) according to verses 1-8.
2. What does it mean to 'sleep' in verses 6-7?
3. What does it mean to 'sleep' in verse 10?
4. How does the New Testament interpret the phrase 'the day of the Lord'? (Use Amos 5:18-20; Isaiah 13:6, 9-11 as reference to Acts 2:20; I Cor. 5:5; I Thess. 5:2; II Thess. 2:1-2; 2 Peter 3:10)
5. How does this chapter use darkness and light?
6. Why does Paul encourage the Thessalonians to 'put on the breastplate of faith and love' and 'a helmet' of 'the hope of salvation'? Where else do we find this imagery and what does it mean?
7. Verses 12-22 contain instructions on how to treat church leaders (12-13); how to treat people inside and outside of the church (14-15); and how we ought to behave personally in our thoughts and actions (16-22). Pick one (or more if time allows) and see how well you are following Paul's instructions.
8. There are two purpose statements in this passage (vv. 9-10 and vv. 23-24). Pick one (or both if time allows) to discuss. How easy (or difficult) is this to believe?