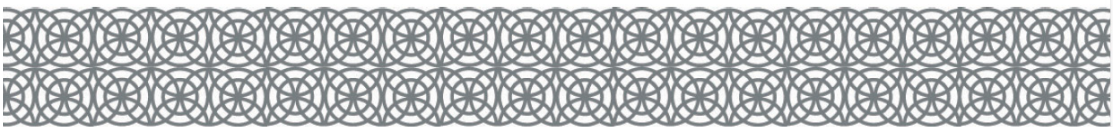


SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 7, 2022

Lord's Day Vespers

EVENING WORSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.

EVENING VESPER MEDITATION

Almighty God, we give You thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of vesper light; and we implore You in Your great mercy that, as You enfold us with the radiance of Your light, You would shine into our hearts the brightness of Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by Your brightness we may know You to be the true God and Eternal Light, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.



Prelude

Call to Worship

Isaiah 41:9-10

You are My servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Hymn Medley

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

(see page 6)

Congregational Prayer

Merciful God, Who weeps with those who weep, Who rescues those who have been oppressed, Who inclines Your ear to the needy, Who draws near to the abandoned, Who binds up the brokenhearted, Who raises up those who are laid low, and Who feels compassion for those who are broken in body or in spirit: hear our prayer. Do not be deaf to our pain. Have pity on us in our affliction. Bring an end to our distress. Preserve our lives. Rescue us, heal us, be near to us, that we might join the company of those who take refuge in You and praise Your Holy Name. We pray this in Jesus' Name, a Man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, on Whom we cast all our cares.

Evening Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics: "Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord." The second line contains the lyrics: "Hear our cry for mer ——— cy. Teach us Your will." The melody is simple and melodic, with a final cadence at the end of the second line.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 34:1-8

- Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His Name together!
People: I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
Minister: Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.
People: This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.
Minister: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.
People: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Hymn Medley

<i>God's Unchanging Hand</i>	(see page 7)
<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	(see page 8)
<i>There Is Power in the Blood</i>	(see page 9)

At the last stanza of "There Is Power in the Blood," children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Evening Scripture Lesson

Acts 15:22-16:5

22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers, 23 with the following letter: "The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the brothers who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. 24 Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, 25 it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 men who have risked their lives for the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 27 We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. 28 For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: 29 that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell." 30 So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. 31 And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement. 32 And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words. 33 And after they had spent some time, they were sent off in peace by the brothers to those who had sent them. 35 But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the Word of the Lord, with many others also. 36 And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the Word of the Lord, and see how they are." 37 Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. 38 But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. 39 And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, 40 but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. 41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. 4 As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

Homily

AT ALL TIMES DIVERSITY SOMETIMES DISAGREEMENT FOREVER UNITY

Mr. McRoberts

Acts 15:22–16:5

Paul was a reed in non-essentials; an iron pillar in essentials.

– JOHN NEWTON

Introduction

1. The Letter ~ 15:22-35

2. The Disagreement ~ 15:36-41

3. The Embarking ~ 16:1-5

Conclusion ~ Closing Lessons for Today

Benediction

Congregational Response

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*Turn your eyes to the hillside, where justice and mercy embraced.
There the Son of God gave His life for us and our measureless debt was erased.*

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus; look full in His wonderful face,
and the things of Earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.*

Postlude

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1. What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, Lean - ing on the ev - er -
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, Lean - ing on the ev - er -
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Lean - ing on the ev - er -

4



-last - ing arms; What a bless - ed-ness, what a peace is mine, Lean - ing on the ev - er -
-last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, Lean - ing on the ev - er -
-last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near, Lean - ing on the ev - er -

CHORUS

8



-last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, Safe and se-cure from all a - larms;
-last - ing arms.
-last - ing arms.

13



Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus



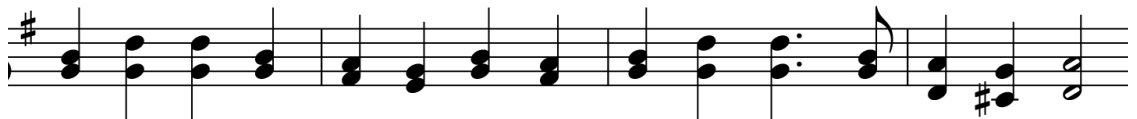
1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je sus, just to take him at his word;



just to rest up - on his prom ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."



Refrain



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!



God's Unchanging Hand



1. Time is filled with swift trans - i - tion,
2. Trust in Him who will not leave you,
3. Co - vet not this world's vain ri - ches,

naught of earth un-moved shall stand.
what - so - ev - er years may bring.
that so ra - pid - ly de - cay.

5



Build your hopes on things e - ter - nal,
If by earth - ly friends for - sa - ken,
Seek to gain the heav - 'nly trea - sures,

hold to God's un - chang - ing hand.
still more close - ly to Him cling.
they will ne - ver pass a - way.

9

Chorus



Hold to His hand, God's un - chang - ing hand, hold to His hand, God's un - chang - ing hand.

13



Build your hopes on things et - er - nal, hold to God's un - chang - ing hand.

I Love to Tell the Story



1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un seen things a - bove,
2. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas ant to re peat
3. I love to tell the sto - ry; for those who know it - best



of Je - sus and his glo ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won der - ful - ly sweet.
seem hun ger - ing and thirst ing to hear - it, like - the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
the mes sage of sal va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
'twill be - the old, old - sto - ry, that I have loved so long.



VERSE

There Is Power In The Blood



1. Would you be free from your bur - den of sin? There's pow'r in the blood,
 2. Would you be free from your pas - sion and pride? There's pow'r in the blood,
 3. Would you do ser - vice for Je - sus, your King? There's pow'r in the blood,

4



pow'r in the blood; Would you o'er e - vil a vic - to - ry win? There's
 pow'r in the blood; Come for a cleans - ing to Cal - va - ry's tide. There's
 pow'r in the blood; Would you live dai - ly His prais - es to sing? There's

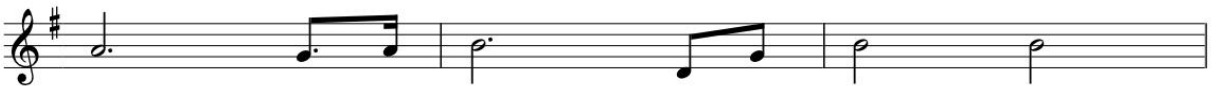
CHORUS

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won - der - ful pow'r in the blood. There is pow'r, pow'r, won - der work - ing pow'r in the
 won - der - ful pow'r in the blood.
 won - der - ful pow'r in the blood.

11



blood of the Lamb. There is pow'r, pow'r,

14



won - der work - ing pow'r in the pre - cious blood of the Lamb.



Conflict, according to Ken Sande in his helpful book, *The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict*, can arise in one of four ways. There is what he calls “differences of values, goals, gifts, calling, priorities, expectations, interests, or opinions,” a category in which he includes this incident [Acts 15]. In addition, he cites three others: misunderstandings arising from poor communications, competition over limited resources such as time or money, and sinful attitudes and habits that lead to sinful words and actions. Sande does not see in this incident a sinful attitude as such (that Barnabas was playing family favorites, or that Paul was nursing a grudge following the table-fellowship debacle at Antioch). For Sande, this is an example of two men who come to different judgments about the best way forward, given the data available to them. One requires more time for personal growth; another thinks an immediate second chance worth the risk.



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