

Passing the Baton of Gospel Ministry

Welcome to worship. We are delighted that you are here.

You listen very carefully to the parting advice of someone who is getting ready to die. Last words are crucially important words. Our sermon text today is the Apostle Paul's final charge to his son in the faith, Timothy. He is like an aged warrior speaking to a young and timid lieutenant who is about to face intense opposition, loneliness and grief.

Like young Timothy, the church in America is at a juncture where she must make definite resolutions towards positive action. Humanly speaking, the defense and the progress of the gospel is now in our hands. This text sets forth what our fundamental commitments must be as a church.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION ⌄ **9:00 AM Service** ⌄ **Gathered Worship**

Almighty God,
you have opened the way of eternal life
to every race and nation
by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit:
Pour out your Spirit upon the world
by the preaching of the Gospel,
that it may reach to the ends of the earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

SONG FOR GATHERING Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Hear the call of the kingdom,
Lift your eyes to the King;
Let His song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in mercy,
came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the kingdom
To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven,
the humility of Christ;
Walking justly before Him,
Loving all that is right,
That the life of Christ may shine through us

*Chorus: King of heaven, we will answer the call.
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.*

Hear the call of the kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross,
Bringing peace and forgiveness
And a hope yet to come:
Let the nations put their trust in Him. *Chorus 2X*

CALL TO WORSHIPActs 4:12

And there is salvation in no one else,
for there is no other name under heaven
given among men by which we must be saved.

SONG OF INVITATIONFor God So Loved

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, Find what You're looking for.

*Chorus #1: For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him
Will live forever.*

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms. See His open arms. *Chorus 1*

*Chorus #2: The pow'r of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world.*

Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love. [2X]

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save. *Chorus #1 and #2*

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

PRAYER OF ADORATION.

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS.John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal life...

SONG OF EXALTATIONLift High the Name of Jesus

Lift high the name of Jesus,
Of Jesus our King
Make known the power of His grace,
The beauty of His peace
Remember how His mercy reached,
And we cried out to Him
He lifted us to solid ground,
To freedom from our sin.

*Chorus: Oh sing my soul, And tell all He's done
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory*

Lift high the name of Jesus,
Of Jesus our Lord
His pow'r in us is greater than,
Is greater than this world
To share the reason for our hope,
To serve with love and grace
That all who see Him shine through us,
Might bring the Father praise. *Chorus*

Lift high the name of Jesus,
Of Jesus our Light
No other name on earth can save,
Can raise a soul to life
He opens up our eyes to see,
The harvest He has grown
We labor in His fields of grace,
As He leads sinners home. *Chorus*

SONG OF PRAISE. A Mighty Fortress

Our God is a consuming fire
A burning holy flame with glory and freedom
Our God is the only righteous judge
Ruling over us with kindness and wisdom

*Chorus 1: And we will keep our eyes on You
We will keep our eyes on You*

*Chorus 2: A mighty fortress is our God
A sacred refuge is Your name
Your Kingdom is unshakable
And with You forever we will reign*

Our God is jealous for His own
None could comprehend His love and His mercy
Our God is exalted on His throne
High above the heavens forever He is worthy *Chorus 1 & 2*

We will keep our eyes on You; We will keep our eyes on You
So we can set our hearts on You. Lord we will set our hearts on You
Chorus 2-2X

With You forever we will reign (2X)
Our God is a consuming fire, a burning holy flame with glory and freedom.

GREETINGS/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY CHALLENGE. 2 Peter 3:18

EPISTLE LESSON. 2 Timothy 4:1-5

THE SERMON Passing the Baton of Gospel Ministry
#8 in our series on 2 Timothy: Finish Well

1. The Chief Objective (4:1)
2. The Central Task (4:2)
3. The Coming Challenges (4:3-4)
4. The Character Needed (4:5)

SONG FOR COMMITMENT Sing to the King

Sing to the King who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

*Chorus: Come let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King.*

For His returning we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King. *Chorus 2X*

BENEDICTION Jude 1-2, 24-25

To you who have been called,
who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:
May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.
For He is able to keep you from stumbling
and to present you before his glorious presence
without fault and with great joy—
For He is our only God our Savior
And to Him be glory, majesty, power and authority,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!
Amen.

7 means please stand if able.