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**PRELUDE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**WELCOME &  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN      O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing #57**

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Prayer Requests**

Amy Salley	Frances Nunnally	Erica	Peggy Burch
Carol Hotchkiss	Frances Owen	Lois Crafton	Pete Beville
Caroline Kastelberg	Justus	Kecia Ryan	Rev. Tom Brown
Claudette Stuart	Joanne Jenkins	Matt Amason	Sharon Alvis
Debbie Mullins	Joe Miller Sr.	Maureen	Steven Bates
Elnora Holmes	Emily Bucknam	Nancy Hulon	Thomas Miller
			The Shelton Family

## SCRIPTURE

### 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12 (NRSV)

7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. 9 You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. 10 You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. 11 As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, 12 urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

### 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12 (NLT)

7 As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make some demands of you, but instead we were like children among you. Or we were like a mother feeding and caring for her own children. 8 We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too. 9 Don't you remember, dear brothers and sisters, how hard we worked among you? Night and day we toiled to earn a living so that we would not be a burden to any of you as we preached God's Good News to you. 10 You yourselves are our witnesses—and so is God—that we were devout and honest and faultless toward all of you believers. 11 And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children. 12 We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory.

## SERMON

### Nurture

*Rev. Claudia Stallings*

## PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen.

## CONSECRATING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

**DOXOLOGY** Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

### **HYMN**                    **Because He Lives #364**

God sent his Son,  
They called him Jesus;  
He came to love,  
Heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died  
To buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there  
To prove my Savior lives.

**(Refrain)**

**Because He lives,  
I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives,  
All fear is gone;  
Because I know  
He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living  
Just because he lives.**

How sweet to hold  
A newborn baby,  
And feel the pride  
And joy He gives;  
But greater still  
The calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days  
Because he lives.

**(Refrain)**

And then one day  
I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final  
War with pain;  
And then as death  
Gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory  
And I'll know he reigns.

**(Refrain)**

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING