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PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN **“God is so Good”** **TFWS #2056**

1 God is so good,
God is so good,
God is so good,
God's so good to me.

2 God cares for me,
God cares for me,
God cares for me,
God's so good to me.

3 God loves me so,
God loves me so,
God loves me so,
God's so good to me.

4 God is so good,
God is so good,
God is so good,
God's so good to me.

SAS MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC



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SCRIPTURE

Daniel 6:1-12 (NRSV)

6 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred twenty satraps, stationed throughout the whole kingdom, ²and over them three presidents, including Daniel; to these the satraps gave account, so that the king might suffer no loss. ³Soon Daniel distinguished himself above all the other presidents and satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king planned to appoint him over the whole kingdom. ⁴So the presidents and the satraps tried to find grounds for complaint against Daniel in connection with the kingdom. But they could find no grounds for complaint or any corruption, because he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption could be found in him. ⁵The men said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God." So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever! ⁷All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. ⁸Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked." ⁹Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict. Daniel in the Lions' Den ¹⁰Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. ¹¹The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. ¹²Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, "O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?" The king answered, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked."

Daniel 6:1-12 (NLT)

6 ¹Darius the Mede decided to divide the kingdom into 120 provinces, and he appointed a high officer to rule over each province. ²The king also chose Daniel and two others as administrators to supervise the high officers and protect the king's interests. ³Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire. ⁴Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy. ⁵So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion." ⁶So the administrators and high officers went to the king and said, "Long live King Darius! ⁷We are all in agreement—we administrators, officials, high officers, advisers, and governors—that the king should make a law that will be strictly enforced. Give orders that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions. ⁸And now, Your Majesty, issue and sign this law so it cannot be changed, an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be revoked." ⁹So King Darius signed the law. ¹⁰But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God. ¹¹Then the officials went together to Daniel's house and found him praying and asking for God's help. ¹²So they went straight to the king and reminded him about his law. "Did you not sign a law that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions?" "Yes," the king replied, "that decision stands; it is an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be revoked."

SERMON

"Lion's Den"

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 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH#140

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O
God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning
with thee;
thou changest not, thy com-
passions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forev-
er wilt be.

2 Summer and winter and
springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their
courses above
join with all nature in manifold
witness
to thy great faithfulness, mer-
cy, and love.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mer-
cies I see;
all I have needed thy hand
hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord,
unto me!

3 Pardon for sin and a peace
that endureth,
thine own dear presence to
cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright
hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten
thousand beside!

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Prayer Requests

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Brittany Johnson
Darlene Thomas
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Debbie Mullins
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Emily Bucknam

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