

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

February 27, 2022 at 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude	David Schmidt
Piano	Joanne Lorenzo
Guitar	Steve Budnack

Announcements

Prayer

Hymns 493, 734 "Glory to His Name" "Be Strong in the Lord"

Scripture – Psalm 55 (opposite page)

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 31 "I Exalt Thee"

Hymn insert "Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right"

Message **SERVE THE NEED**

Nehemiah 1:1-11; 2:1-5, 17-18 Pastor Matthew Pfeil

Benediction

Postlude

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Precept Bible study on "Job" via ZOOM **Tues.** at 6:30pm. Email Wendy Baldwin at wlabaldwin@gmail.com

Wednesday - Ladies Bible study 10am with Becky Shearer

No Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study 6:30 – 7:40pm

Thursday - Precept Bible study at 8:15am- Margaret Was

The offering box is in the back of the sanctuary

MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

We welcome Pastor Matthew Pfeil to our pulpit this morning!

Trust in God Concerning the Treachery of Friends to the Chief Musician.
With stringed instruments. A Contemplation of David.

Psalm 55 Give ear to my prayer, O God,
And do not hide Yourself from my supplication.

² Attend to me, and hear me; I am restless in my complaint, and moan noisily,

³ Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked;
For they bring down trouble upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

**⁴ My heart is severely pained within me,
And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

⁵ Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me,
And horror has overwhelmed me.

⁶ So I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.

⁷ Indeed, I would wander far off, *and* remain in the wilderness. *Selah*

⁸ I would hasten my escape from the windy storm *and* tempest."

⁹ Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their tongues,
For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

**¹⁰ Day and night they go around it on its walls;
Iniquity and trouble *are* also in the midst of it.**

¹¹ Destruction *is* in its midst; Oppression and deceit do not depart from its streets.

¹² For *it is* not an enemy *who* reproaches me; Then I could bear *it*.

**Nor *is it* one *who* hates me who has exalted *himself* against me;
Then I could hide from him.**

¹³ But *it was* you, a man my equal, my companion and my acquaintance.

**¹⁴ We took sweet counsel together,
And walked to the house of God in the throng.**

¹⁵ Let death seize them; Let them go down alive into hell,
For wickedness *is* in their dwellings *and* among them.

¹⁶ As for me, I will call upon God, and the LORD shall save me.

¹⁷ Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud,
And He shall hear my voice.

**¹⁸ He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me,
For there were many against me.**

¹⁹ God will hear, and afflict them, even He who abides from of old. *Selah*
Because they do not change, therefore they do not fear God.

**²⁰ He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him;
He has broken his covenant.**

²¹ *The words* of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war *was* in his heart; His words were softer than oil, yet they *were* drawn swords.

**²² Cast your burden on the LORD, and He shall sustain you;
He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.**

**²³ But You, O God, shall bring them down to the pit of destruction;
Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days;
But I will trust in You.**

Nehemiah 1 (English Standard Version)

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah.

Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, 2 that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. 3 And they said to me, “The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire.”

4 As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven. 5 And I said, “O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 6 let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned. 7 We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses. 8 Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, 9 but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.’ 10 They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. 11 O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.”

Now I was cupbearer to the king.

2 In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. 2 And the king said to me, “Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of the heart.” Then I was very much afraid. 3 I said to the king, “Let the king live forever! Why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' graves, lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?” 4 Then the king said to me, “What are you requesting?” So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5 And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' graves, that I may rebuild it.”

17 Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer derision.” 18 And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, “Let us rise up and build.” So they strengthened their hands for the good work.