

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 11-08-2020

- **Call to Worship – Psalm 47: 1-6**
- **Song of Praise – Be Thou My Vision (LUYH 859 vs. 1, 3-4)¹**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou, and thou only first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

- **God greets his people**
- **Song – Beams of Heaven (LUYH 454 vs. 1-3)²**

Verse 1

Beams of heaven, as I go through this wilderness below,
Guide my feet in peaceful ways, turn my midnights into days.
When in the darkness I would grope, faith always sees a star of hope,
and soon from all life's grief and danger I shall be free someday.

Chorus

I do not know how long 'twill be, nor what the future holds for me,
But this I know: if Jesus leads me, I shall get home someday.

Verse 2

Often-times my sky is clear, joy abounds without a tear;
Though a day's so bright begun, clouds may hide tomorrow's sun.
There'll be a day that's always bright, a day that never yields to night,
and in its light the streets of glory I shall behold someday.

Verse 3

Burdens now may crush me down, disappointments all around,
Troubles speak in mournful sigh, sorrow through a tear-stained eye.
There is a world where pleasure reigns, no mourning soul shall roam its plains,
and to that land of peace and glory I want to go someday.

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- **Prayer of Confession and Assurance** ³

Leader: Holy God, we come to you not as those who have obtained righteousness on our own, but as your dearly loved children, clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

People: How we marvel at your love for us. How grateful we are for the beauty of your holiness. How astonished we are that you call us to be saints, your holy people. By the power of your Spirit, help us receive these gifts with joy and embrace our calling in Christ. Amen.

- **Offering** – even though we are not passing the offering plates during our worship service, we still want to remember that the giving of our tithes and offerings is an act of worship to God. We are grateful for all his gifts to us, and we give back a portion of what he has given to us.

- **Sermon**

Sermon Text: Philippians 3: 10-21

Sermon Title: “Taking Hold of the Prize”

Series: *Philippians*

- **Song of Response – Ahead of Us, a Race to Run (LUYH 870 vs. 1-2)**⁴

Ahead of us, a race to run; we fix our eyes on God the Son—
So looking at the past no more, forgetting what has gone before;
With eager diligence we train as for the prize a head we strain,
Until at last our course is done.

He calls us now to run the race, the path we tread, the way of grace—
Discarding every weight and load to speed our way along the road;
And though the journey may be long, the grace of God will keep us strong
until we stand before his face.

- **Benediction**

- **Doxology – For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free (LUYH 679 vs. 1, 3)**⁵

“For freedom Christ has set us free!” What joy is ours to claim!
No more enslaved, humanity find life in Jesus’ name.
We try, Lord, to be justified through all the works we do.
Yet you adopt us, saying, “Child, it’s Christ who makes you new.”

Now, Spirit-filled, may we be led from ways that would destroy.
May we, your people, turn instead to lives of love and joy.
May we find peace that makes us whole and patience everywhere.
God, give us kindness, self-control, and hearts and hands that share.

³ From LUYH #612 Optional prayer

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