

# THE LORD'S DAY

May 31, 2015

## WORSHIP SERVICE

*Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.*

### PRELUDE

*Our Great Savior*  
HYFRYDOL

### †CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Psalm 34:1–3

### ADORATION

†*Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

Hymn **25**  
AMSTERDAM

†CONGREGATIONAL READING

2 Timothy 3:10–17

*The congregation will read text in italics.*

<sup>10</sup>You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, <sup>11</sup>my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra— which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, <sup>13</sup>while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

†Doxology

OLD ONE HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*His Robes For Mine*

Chris Anderson, Greg Habegger

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!  
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.  
Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified.  
In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

### CHORUS

*I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:  
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.  
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.  
My praise-my all-shall be for Christ alone.*

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?  
God's daunting Law Christ mastered in my stead.  
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,  
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.  
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.  
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried "'Tis done!"  
Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won.

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.  
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe.  
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;  
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home!

## I WILL BLESS THE LORD

at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my  
mouth.

<sup>2</sup>My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

<sup>3</sup>Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

*Psalm 34:1–3*



*He Is Able* **THANKSGIVING** Vocal Duet,  
Jonathan & Marjorie Bishop

**PETITION**  
†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 4

†*Our Great Savior* Hymn **177**  
HYFRYDOL

THE SERMON  
Facing Persecution as Jesus' Witnesses (Continued)  
Acts 4:23–31

†*This Is My Father's World* Hymn **116**  
TERRA PATRIS

† **PRAYER & BENEEDICTION**

† *Congregation will stand (if able)*



Graduation Service, 3:00



Facing Persecution as Jesus' Witnesses— ACTS 4:23–31  
Greg Stiekes

As the mission of Jesus advances in the book of Acts we note the growing persecution of Jesus' witnesses. Today we have all contemplated the growing threat of persecution for believers and wondered how we would respond if our lives or our families were threatened on account of our testimony for Christ. This text directly answers this question by assuring us of the divine resources we can rely on when we must suffer on behalf of Christ.

*Last Lord's Day:*

1. The Sovereignty of God
  - a. God creates.
  - b. God governs.
  - c. God predetermines.

*Today:*

2. The Strength of God.  
*The strength which God supplies through Christ equips the believer with remarkable blessings:*

- a. Perseverance in Ministry

- b. Boldness in Witness

- 3 The Presence of God.  
*The presence of God offers several comforting assurances:*

- a. God hears us.

- b. God knows our trial.

- c. God works through us.



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*Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,  
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.  
Fellowship Dinner 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month & no evening service.  
Wednesday Evenings: Awana, Adult Bible Study, Teen Bible Study  
Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.*

**To Our Guests:** We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a *guest card* which you may give to Pastor Stiekes personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS*

**WEDNESDAY** - Bible Study @ 7:00 pm  
Respectable Sins, by Jerry Bridges  
Reading the Bible with Eyes Open

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**--Skeet Shooting at 10:00 am

**NEXT SUNDAY**--Combined Sunday School/Prayer Service  
We will recognize recent high school graduates and have a special time of prayer focusing on our young people and college age adults.

**MUSIC CAMP--JUNE 15--19** "The Music of the Seas"

	May 24	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$4,666	\$3,725	\$71,334	\$78,225
Missions	\$50		\$3,937	
Deacons Fund			\$3,397	
Building Fund	\$84		\$2,009	\$46,677