

## Seek Your City's Good

"Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon, 'Build houses and live in them; and plant gardens, and eat their produce...But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.'" (Jer. 29:4-7)

If that was true for God's exiles in Babylon, it would seem to be even more true for Christian exiles in this very "Babylonian" world. What, then, shall we do? We should do the ordinary things that need to be done: build houses; live in them; plant gardens. This does not contaminate you if you do it all for the real King and not

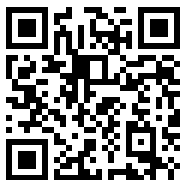
just for eye service as men-pleasers. Seek the welfare of the place where God has sent you. Think of yourself as sent there by God. Because you are.

Pray to the Lord on behalf of your city. Ask for great and good things to happen for the city. Evidently God is not indifferent to its welfare. One reason he is not is this: In the welfare of the city his people find welfare. This does not mean we give up our exile orientation. In fact we will do most good for this world by keeping a steadfast freedom from its beguiling attractions. We will serve our city best by getting our values from the "city that is to come." Let's live so that the natives will want to meet our King. -John Piper

### Events

Today College & Career  
Lunch 1:00 PM  
Today Risa Ashida  
Presentation 7 PM  
5/3 Men's Action Meeting  
7:30 PM  
5/5 Women's Bible Study  
10:00 AM

### Give



### Upcoming Events



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### Service Times



**GRACE**  
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- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

**Loving God, one another, and the world  
through the gospel of Jesus Christ**

May 1, 2016

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# Morning Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn  
Scripture Reading  
Pastoral Prayer

Michael Lopes  
#135 I Greet Thee  
Revelation 13, page 1035

Offertory

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness – take to the Lord in prayer!

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our Refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there. Amen

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Preparatory

How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said, you who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed; for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by My righteous,  
omnipotent hand."

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove  
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be born."

6. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no never forsake."  
Amen

Text: from Rippon's *Selection*, 1787; alt. Tune: Traditional American Melody, J. Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832

O Great God of Highest Heaven

1. O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart.

Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power.

Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.

You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

2. I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,  
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me  
through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.  
(key change)

3. Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.

Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.

**You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.**

**O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me.**  
(repeat)

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Sermon

Pastor Stu Johnston

# Evening Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn  
Scripture Reading  
Pastoral Prayer

Brad Kinnison  
#87 Holy, Holy, Holy  
Psalm 91, page 497

Offertory

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts, Thou Fount of life, thou Light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;  
To them that seek Thee Thou art good, to them that find Thee All in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living Bread, and long to feast upon Thee still;  
We drink of Thee, the Fountainhead, and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;

**Chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world Thy holy light.**

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Preparatory

Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;

While on others Thou art smiling, do not pass me by.

**(Refrain) Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;**

**While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.**

Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief;

Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. **(Refrain)**

Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face;

Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace. **(Refrain)**

Thou the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,

Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee? **(Refrain)**

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Sermon

Pastor Andy Dunkerton