

Sermon Notes

Sunday, December 18, 2016

"Righteousness Under Pressure" • Pastor Steve Peich

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Beebe Freitas—Organist

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Lloyd Unebasami—Advent Testimony

Leon Williams—Assisting in leading worship

Sunday, December 18, 2016 • 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM

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Worship

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NATIVITY GIFTS SUNDAY**

PRELUDE

Beebe Freitas, Organist

(Let us please take this time to quietly prepare our hearts for worship)

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER Pastor Dan Chun

***PRAISE MEDLEY** (sung by all)

THE FIRST NOEL

The first noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay—
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, noel! Noel, noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far.
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, noel! Noel, noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus—Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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, mercy and love.

Chorus—Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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!

Chorus

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

MEET AND GREET

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Lloyd Unebasami

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (sung by all)

OCEANS

You call me out upon the waters,
The great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the mystery.
In oceans deep my faith will stand.

Chorus—And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace,
For I am Yours, and You are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters,
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed, and You won't start now.

Chorus

Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders,
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior.

Chorus

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Tim Shaw— 8:00 AM
Ron Mathieu—9:30 AM

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

MUSICAL OFFERING (sung by choir)

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

*How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother,
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?*

Chorus—Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow,
Shine on His cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Angels are singing, the Christ child is born.

*Find Him at Bethlehem laid in a manger,
Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay.
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation;
A Child with His mother that first Christmas Day.*

Chorus

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*SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 1:18-25

(Page 1 in the second half of the house Bible)

MESSAGE

Pastor Steve Peich

"**RIGHTEOUSNESS UNDER PRESSURE**"

Real Faith for Real People Sermon Series

PRESENTATION OF NATIVITY GIFTS

SONG OF RESPONSE (sung by soloist, then by all)

Leon Williams

HOW FAR

*In Nazareth of Galilee,
An angel speaks the sacred words,
"Mary, you will be with child,
The miracle of virgin birth."*

*Joseph heeds the angel's sign
And takes her as his promised wife.
Now through the night they journey on,
How far is it to Bethlehem?*

*Wise men plan their course ahead,
Searching for the promised King.
Now from the east a guiding star,
How far is it to Bethlehem?*

*How far, how far
To the place where hope was born?
How far, how far
To the place where hope was born*

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NATIVITY GIFTS CHRISTMAS CAROLS

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Beebe Freitas, Organist

Following the Blessing, please feel free to come forward for prayer.