

**Order of Worship**  
**September 3, 2023 – Labor Day Weekend**

**Announcements and Prelude**

**Call to Worship** – Philippians 2:6-11

<sup>6</sup> Jesus, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God  
something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Hymn**                      *Beams of Heaven*                      #524

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Scripture Reading** – Daniel 7:

**Gloria Patri** [#70] & **Apostles’ Creed** [#881]

**Offering & Doxology** [#95]

**Scripture Reading** – Daniel 7:

**Sermon**    Pastor Paul

**Hymn**                      *God Hath Spoken By the Prophets*                      #108

**Daniel 7:1-8, Daniel’s Vision at Night**

<sup>1</sup> In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream.

<sup>2</sup> Daniel said: In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. <sup>3</sup> Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea.

<sup>4</sup> The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a human being, and the mind of a human was given to it.

<sup>5</sup> And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, ‘Get up and eat your fill of flesh!’

<sup>6</sup> After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a leopard. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule.

<sup>7</sup> After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.

<sup>8</sup> While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a human being and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

**Daniel 7:9-14, The Son of Man**

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<sup>9</sup> And Daniel continued:

As I looked,

          thrones were set in place,  
          and the Ancient of Days took his seat.  
          His clothing was as white as snow;  
          the hair of his head was white like wool.  
          His throne was flaming with fire,  
          and its wheels were all ablaze.

<sup>10</sup> A river of fire was flowing,  
          coming out from before him.  
          Thousands upon thousands attended him;  
          ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.  
          The court was seated,  
          and the books were opened.

<sup>11</sup> Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. <sup>12</sup> (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.)

<sup>13</sup> In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **Son of Man**, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. <sup>14</sup> He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.



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Daniel 7:13-14*

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"*... and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering*" – Shamim will share with us about the recent incident of August 16, 2023 in the city of Jaranwala, in which many Christians lost their churches and homes in the face of attacks by Muslims. She reports, "Many churches are burned out and many people are homeless. They lost their houses and are living on a daily basis in the fields. The Muslim people stole everything before setting their houses on fire. Mostly poor Christians are living in the fields in the town. Their houses are burned and everything is gone. I saw on YouTube, women and children were crying."

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### **This World is Not My Home**

This world is not my home I'm just a passin' through  
My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue  
The angels beckon me from heaven's open door  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

Oh Lord, you know I have no friend like you  
If heaven's not my home then Lord what will I do?  
The angels beckon me from heaven's open door  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

I have a loving mother up in glory land,  
I don't expect to stop until I shake her hand,  
She's waiting now for me in heaven's open door  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

Just over in glory land we'll live eternally  
The saints on every hand are shouting victory  
Their songs of sweetest praise drift back from heaven's shore  
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### **Just a Little Talk with Jesus**

I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in  
And then a little light from heaven filled my soul  
It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above  
And just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.

Now let us have a little talk with Jesus  
Let us tell Him all about our troubles  
He will hear our faintest cry  
He will answer by and by  
Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning  
And you know a little fire is burning  
You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

Sometimes my path seems drear without a ray of cheer  
And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day  
The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies  
But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way.

I may have doubts and fears my eyes be filled with tears  
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night  
I go to Him in prayer He knows my every care  
And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

## **The Dream**

One night as I lay on my pillow  
While asleep in a dream I did go  
To the place where they crucified Jesus  
On that Old Rugged Cross, cruel and cold  
There the greatest love story was written  
Visualize with me if you will  
Our Savior on that April morning  
As He carried the Cross up the hill.

Chorus

And I saw those nails, those old rusty nails,  
And the Crown made of thorns that He wore  
So sad was the scene that I cried in my dream  
So great was the pain that He bore  
They scorned and they mocked, He drank the bitter cup  
As He hung there with two common thieves  
For He had to fulfill, His Father's own will  
And I was right there in a dream.

As I stood there on top of Mount Calvary  
In His pain I could hear His sad cry  
In my dream, Oh so helpless was I  
I thank Him for that day on the mountain  
The price that He paid was supreme  
In my heart I carry a picture  
Of what I saw there in a dream.

Chorus

## **Good Morning Child**

Well some times I close my eyes and think of heaven  
A city where the chill of night won't still the day  
And I am sure flowers bloom on each hillside  
And I can almost hear the voice of Jesus say:

Well sometimes I close my eyes and think of Jesus  
And how He died upon the Cross for you and me  
Well I know someday I'll walk with Him in glory  
Then I can almost hear the voice of Jesus say:

Chorus

Good Morning Child, welcome to this brand new city.  
Make yourself home you're free to roam here on the shore.  
It'll be so good to be at home in my new mansion  
Extended arms may God reach out and draw you home.