

Organ Prelude

Praise Song

Welcome

The People Gather

L: Who has the Lord called to serve?

P: Is it the great and mighty?

L: In whom has the Lord found favor?

P: Is it those with power and prestige?

L: In each one of us, God has found favor!

P: Let us serve as people of the light. AMEN.

Hymn

The People Pray

Lord, we come this day, seeking Your presence and healing love. Be with us as we hear Your Word to us. Give us courage to learn and grow that we might serve You faithfully all of our days. AMEN.

Recognition of Graduates

Special Music

The People Confess Their Sin

God of love and power, we listen to Your Word, yet we fail to respond to its call on our lives. We drown in the volume of words spoken by the surrounding culture. Forgive us for failing to question the wisdom of the world. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place our trust in You, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries of love and care to which You have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

God's Words of Assurance

God is with us and forgives us. Place your trust in God always. AMEN.

The Word of God for the People of God

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Brothers and sisters, we ask you to respect those who are working with you, leading you, and instructing you. ¹³ Think of them highly with love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. ¹⁴ Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are disorderly. Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak. Be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure no one repays a wrong with a wrong, but always pursue the good for each other and everyone else. ¹⁶ Rejoice always. ¹⁷ Pray continually. ¹⁸ Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Don't suppress the Spirit. ²⁰ Don't brush off Spirit-inspired messages, ²¹ but examine everything carefully and hang on to what is good. ²² Avoid every kind of evil. ²³ Now, may the God of peace himself cause you to be completely dedicated to him; and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept intact and blameless at our Lord Jesus Christ's coming. ²⁴ The one who is calling you is faithful and will do this.

Message Three Keys to a Meaningful Life

The People Go into the World

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Benediction

Organ Postlude