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# *Thessaloniki*

Faithfulness in Opposition

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**ACTS 17:1-9; 1  
THESSALONIANS 2: 1-16**

**WORSHIP SERVICE | JULY 27, 2025**

# Order of Worship

## **CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 8**

One: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,

the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **PRAISE & WORSHIP: HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME 28W**

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,

Glorify thy name in all the earth. Glorify thy name, glory thy name,

Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, worship and adore you.

Glorify thy name in all the earth. Glorify thy name, glory thy name,

Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,

Glorify thy name in all the earth. Glorify thy name, glory thy name,

Glorify thy name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. REPEAT.

O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify your name: Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God almighty.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God almighty.

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just; By His power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; By His mercy He proves He is love. Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just; By His power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise. Great are you Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are You Lord Great are you Lord! Great are you Lord! Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

# **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
I put my trust in you, O God,  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.  
Do not let those who wait for you be put to  
shame;  
let those be ashamed who neglect your  
faithfulness,  
and who act with evil intent.  
Teach me your ways, O God  
and guide me in your paths.  
We bring to mind these things for which we are  
ashamed—  
for willfully acting with less than good  
intentions—  
for abusing the faithfulness of God by our  
failure to live faith-full lives.  
Forgive us, O God—  
cleanse our hearts and minds  
of all that prevents us from loving you  
and loving our neighbor.  
May our lives be marked by faith active in love  
as we watch and wait for your breaking into  
our world once more.  
In Jesus' name we pray.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Linda Simons

# SONG: IS HE WORTHY?

Do you feel the world is broken?(We do)  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)  
But do you know that all the dark won't  
Stop the light from getting through? (We do)  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)  
Is all creation groaning? (It is)  
Is a new creation coming? (It is)  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)  
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He was David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave Is  
He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory Is He  
worthy of this? He is  
Does the Father truly love us? (He does)  
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)  
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does)  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)  
Is anyone worthy?  
Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave He is David's root and  
the Lamb who died to ransom the slave From every people and tribe  
Every nation and tongue He has made us a kingdom and priests to  
God To reign with the Son  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?  
He is! Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
He is!  
He is!



# **OFFERING ANTHEM JESUS MESSIAH SCRIPTURE**

## **Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16**

Paul and Silas then traveled through the towns of Amphipolis and Apollonia and came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. As was Paul's custom, he went to the synagogue service, and for three Sabbaths in a row he used the Scriptures to reason with the people. He explained the prophecies and proved that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead. He said, "This Jesus I'm telling you about is the Messiah." Some of the Jews who listened were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with many God-fearing Greek men and quite a few prominent women.

But some of the Jews were jealous, so they gathered some troublemakers from the marketplace to form a mob and start a riot. They attacked the home of Jason, searching for Paul and Silas so they could drag them out to the crowd. Not finding them there, they dragged out Jason and some of the other believers instead and took them before the city council. "Paul and Silas have caused trouble all over the world," they shouted, "and now they are here disturbing our city, too. And Jason has welcomed them into his home. They are all guilty of treason against Caesar, for they profess allegiance to another king, named Jesus."

The people of the city, as well as the city council, were thrown into turmoil by these reports. So the officials forced Jason and the other believers to post bond, and then they released them. **1 Thessalonians 2:1-16**

You yourselves know, dear brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure. You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News to you boldly, in spite of great opposition. So you can see we were not preaching with any deceit or impure motives or trickery.

For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money! As for human praise, we have never sought it from you or anyone else. As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make some demands of you, but instead we were like children among you. Or we were like a mother feeding and caring for her own children. We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too. Don't you remember, dear brothers and sisters, how hard we worked among you? Night and day we toiled to earn a living so that we would not be a burden to any of you as we preached God's Good News to you. You yourselves are our witnesses—and so is God—that we were devout and honest and faultless toward all of you believers. And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children. We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory. Therefore, we never stop thanking God that when you received his message from us, you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe.

And then, dear brothers and sisters, you suffered persecution from your own countrymen. In this way, you imitated the believers in God's churches in Judea who, because of their belief in Christ Jesus, suffered from their own people, the Jews. For some of the Jews killed the prophets, and some even killed the Lord Jesus. Now they have persecuted us, too. They fail to please God and work against all humanity as they try to keep us from preaching the Good News of salvation to the Gentiles. By doing this, they continue to pile up their sins. But the anger of God has caught up with them at last.

# **SERMON: “FAITHFULNESS IN OPPOSITION”**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

### **SONG: LORD WE LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH**

**Lord, I lift Your name on high.**

**Lord, I love to sing Your praises.**

**I'm so glad You're in my life;**

**I'm so glad You came to save us.**

**You came from Heaven to earth To show the way.**

**From the Earth to the cross, My debt to pay.**

**From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the  
sky; Lord, I lift Your name on high. REPEAT**

**You came from Heaven to earth**

**To show the way.**

**From the Earth to the cross,**

**My debt to pay.**

**From the cross to the grave,**

**From the grave to the sky;**

**Lord, I lift Your name on high. REPEAT**

## **BENEDICTION**

# Announcements

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## **Church-Wide Garage Sale This Saturday!**

Set aside the treasures in your home...that need a new home! For a churchwide Garage Sale August 2nd! You can begin to store any items in the church office or classrooms. Let Pastor Rachael know when you will be by! We need volunteers to act as cashiers, sort items, and greet people. Our sale will be from 8:00am-2:00pm, so many different times of day to serve!

## **Sandwiches Due This Week!**

Sandwiches for Austin Street Ministry are due on Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Please e-mail or text Pastor Rachael if you need a code to drop your sandwiches by.

## **Snacks and drinks for Reed Middle School teachers and staff!**

Starting next week we will accept donations to show our love and appreciation for our neighbors at Reed Middle School. There will be a collection box in the narthex.

## **It is Lemonade on the Lawn Season!**

Sign up now in the narthex.

Sermons are available online at [www.fpcd.org/sermons](http://www.fpcd.org/sermons).  
The "W" stands for Hymnal for Worship & Celebration.  
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## **Welcome Guests and Visitors!**

We want to get to know you! If it's your first time here, please fill out a visitor card from the seat back in front of you and place it in an offering plate, located throughout the sanctuary.

## **Sunday School and Children**

Sunday school for adults and children meets at 9:15 AM in the Education Building. During the service, nursery is provided for ages 0-4 in the Education Building. Children are welcome to stay with you during the service, and are invited to come forward during the Children's Moment. If your child needs something to keep them busy, kids' activity boxes are available in the entry hall!



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