



**May 22, 2022**  
**Worship Service - 10AM**

## Order of Worship

### OPENING SONG

#### **Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven**

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven  
To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, freed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me His praise should sing?  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To our fathers in distress.  
Praise Him still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
praise Him, praise Him,  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

4. Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He Knows.  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Widely as His mercy goes.

5. Angels help us to adore Him;  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise with us the God of grace.

### WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

## CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 111:1-5

**All:** Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### Days of Elijah

1. These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days  
Of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice  
In the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

### Chorus

Behold He comes  
Riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call  
So lift your voice  
It's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill  
Salvation comes

2. And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the labourers  
In Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

### Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah  
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## NEW CITY CATECHISM: QUESTION 21

**Q: What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God?**

**A:** One who is truly human and also truly God.

### **O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go**

1. O love that wilt not let me go  
I rest my weary soul in Thee  
I give Thee back the life I owe  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer fuller be

2. O light that follow'st all my way  
I yield my flickering torch to Thee  
My heart restores its borrowed ray  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter fairer be

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to Thee  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be

4. O cross that liftest up my head  
I dare not ask to fly from thee  
I lay in dust life's glory dead  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be

## Come Thou Fount

1. Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

3. O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

## SERMON TEXT - ACTS 17:1-15

1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." 4 And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. 5 But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. 6 And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, 7 and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." 8 And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. 9 And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

10 The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. 11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. 12 Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. 13 But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds. 14 Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. 15 Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

# SERMON

## A Tale of Two Cities - Acts 17:1-15

**Theme:** *The Word of God brings both comfort and affliction. Are we listening?*

### #1 - Thessalonica: A Destination

#### **Key Truth**

1. God's truth challenges the way we think and live; it turns the world upside down.

### #2 - Berea: A Stop Along the Way

#### **Key Truth**

1. A noble life (or holy life) is one that listens to the voice of the Lord.

#### **Other Passage**

**Isaiah 43:1** But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

**John 5:24** Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

**Luke 6:20** And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*(From 'Leading in Prayer' by Hughes Old)*

**All:** Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord of hosts. The whole earth is filled with your glory. Your holiness fills us with awe and wonder. What else can we do but fall down before you and confess our woe? You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, and forgetting your love. Sanctify us to your service. Make us holy, that we might be your people and that we might reflect your glory. O Loving Father, help us to live in your light, to walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON - ROMANS 8:31-32**

*If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?*

## CLOSING SONG

### Blessed Be Your Name

1. Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

2. Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

### Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

3. Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

4. Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

### Bridge

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

## **BENEDICTION - ROMANS 15:13**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to share a prayer request with the church or would like someone to pray for you, please contact Senior Pastor Keith Doane (kdoane@livingbranch.net), Assistant Pastor Cody Brobst (cbrobst@livingbranch.net), Elder Ken Bubp (klbubp@gmail.com), Elder Bruce Longbottom (blongbottom@sbcglobal.net), or Elder David Lynn (lynndavidf@gmail.com).

### **Contributions**

Checks can be made payable to 'Living Branch Church'. Online giving can be set up at livingbranch.net or through the Church Center App.

**Prayer for Scott Dean:** Please continue to pray for Pastor Scott.

**Registration Is Open for BBC-** June13-16: 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Seminary Park, Noblesville. To register go to <https://livingbranch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1271909>

We are still in need of adult volunteers! Please see Jaime Evans or Leanne Seland to let them know of any days you might be available to help out.

**Church Picnic - Today!** We will be having a church picnic immediately following the service on May 22nd at Legacy. The church will provide the main dish and drinks and we ask that everyone bring a side dish to pass along with lawn chairs or blankets.

**Living Branch Nursery:** There are some summer opportunities to serve in our nursery. One adult and one helper are needed for June 5, June 26, July 10, and July 24. (No set up or tear down required!) If you are available to help out with our precious little ones on any of these dates, please let Leanne know ([lbckids@livingbranch.net](mailto:lbckids@livingbranch.net)).

**Financial Peace University Spring Session:** There is room for you! Come join us for Spring Financial Peace University, Sundays at 1:00 p.m. at LivRite Fitness, 13454 Parkside Dr, Fishers, IN 46038. Please register on line at: [fpu.com/1143017](http://fpu.com/1143017)

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