



SUNDAY, JULY 18

A Playlist for the 1st Century Church

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Preparation

Take Time to be Holy

Call to Worship

Song

God of Our Fathers – #547

Confession of Sin

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Song

Isaiah 1:18

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Offertory

Prayers of the People

Lovingkindness

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

New Testament

Romans 8:31-37 – Richard Whitfield

Message

Rev. Keith Fink

A Search for Steadfast Love

Psalm 44

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song

And Can It Be – #247

Verses 1, 3, 4 & 5

Benediction

Postlude

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Psalm 44

Question: In times of suffering and hardship, when it seems that God does not care, where can we turn?

I. Confidence in Our God who has Helped in Ages Past (1-8)

- A. Help In ages past (historical memory)
- B. Help in my past (a personal accounting)

II. Complaint About the Present (9-22)

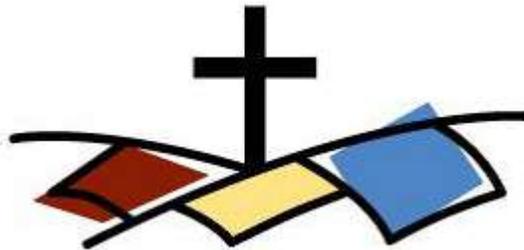
- A. A Recounting of where God has led them (9-16)
- B. A Context of faithfulness - ruling out discipline (17-22)

II. Crying out to God on the Basis of His Steadfast Love (23-26)

Point to Ponder: Suffering, hardship, and trials are not easy to endure yet they become even more so when we believe that there is no purpose in them. Take time to read and meditate on these following New Testament passages: **Romans 8:16-17; Philippians 1:29-30, 3:8-11; 1 Peter 4:12-19.** What does it mean to participate in Christ's sufferings?

Next Week:

Next Sunday morning we will continue our sermon series entitled *A Playlist for the 1st Century Church* by considering **Psalm 51**, 'A Search for Mercy.'



God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds
In splendor through the skies
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise

Thy love divine hath led us in the past
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense
Thy true religion in our hearts increase
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way
Lead us from night to never ending day
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine
Amen

Words by Daniel C. Roberts, 1876
Music by George W. Warren, 1892

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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And Can It Be That I Should Gain

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me
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Amazing Love! How can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

He left His Father's throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me

Amazing Love! How can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee

Amazing Love! How can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own

Amazing Love! How can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

Words by Charles Wesley, 1738
Music by Thomas Campbell, 1825

