



RESURRECTION CHURCH
Worship Gathering | 9.15.24
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALLED BY GOD INTO WORSHIP

The Greeting - Peter

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All: With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

Song of Adoration: Such an Awesome God

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Oh the perfect Son of God
You call the sun to rise
You lay it down to rest
You hold this heart of mine
You hold my every breath

*Such an awesome God
So mighty, so holy, so wonderful
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So selfless, so generous, so faithful you are*

Seated in majesty
Reigning in holiness
The table is set for me
For You are the living bread

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Nothing comes close to the Lord almighty
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Jesus the Son of God
Hung on a cross to die
Not even death itself could hold You down
For You rose to life

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Song of Response: Draw Me Close

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Draw me close to You never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire no one else will do
'Cause nothing else could take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way bring me back to You

You're all I want

You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know You are near

Help me know You are here

Song of Thanksgiving: The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

A Dios el padre celestial
Al Hijo nuestro redentor
Y al eternal Consolador
Unidos todos alabad. Amen

INVITED BY GOD INTO COMMUNITY

Passing of Peace - Alicia

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Many: And also with you!
Uno: La paz de Cristo este contigo
Todos: ¡Y contigo también!

Res Kids Dismissal - Alicia

- Parents, if you've already checked your kids in, you can send them down with our volunteer at the back of the room. If you haven't checked them in, please go down with them.
- There is a *space for feeding children in the side room to your right*. Our kids will rejoin us after the close of the sermon, so keep an eye out for your little one.
- OPTIONAL PRAYER: "Almighty God, heavenly Father, thank you for the joy and care of children. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith that they might never know a day apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

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ADDRESSED BY GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE

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Message: Under Pressure (Daniel 1: 1-21) - Bruce Cooke

NOURISHED BY GOD AT THE TABLE

The Lord's Supper - Bruce Cooke

Invitation

Apostles Creed

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poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

***Mysterium Fidei* (“Mystery of Faith”)**

One: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and bless these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be bound in fellowship to all who share this feast, united in mission throughout the world. Keep us faithful in your mission until Christ comes in final victory, that we may feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal Kingdom. Amen.

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The Communion

Concluding Prayer + Prayer Volunteer

Song of Response: Build My Life

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Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for you; we live for you

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for you; we live for you

Holy! There is no one like you
There is none beside you
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who you are
And fill me with your heart
And lead me in your love to those around me

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I will build my life upon your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in you alone
And I will not be shaken

Construiré mi vida en tu amor
Allí estoy seguro
Mi confianza está en ti Señor
Y no seré movido

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SENT BY GOD INTO THE WORLD

Blessing: Bruce Dykstra

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending - Bruce Dykstra

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– the hope of our hearts, the hope of the world.

All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading (English) - [Daniel 1:1-21](#) (ESV) - Joel

¹ In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ² And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god. ³ Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, ⁴ youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. ⁵ The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king. ⁶ Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. ⁷ And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.

⁸ But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself. ⁹ And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs, ¹⁰ and the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink; for why should he see that you were in worse condition than the youths who are of your own age? So you would endanger my head with the king." ¹¹ Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, ¹² "Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³ Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king's food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see." ¹⁴ So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days. ¹⁵ At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's

food. ¹⁶ So the steward took away their food and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

¹⁷ As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. ¹⁸ At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ And the king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king. ²⁰ And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom. ²¹ And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: *Thanks be to God!*

Lectura Bíblica (Spanish) - [Daniel 1:1-21](#) (RVC) - Yolanda

¹ En el año tercero del reinado de Joacín, rey de Judá, el rey Nabucodonosor de Babilonia vino a Jerusalén y la sitió. ² Y el Señor permitió que el rey Joacín cayera en manos de Nabucodonosor, y que éste se llevara buena parte de los utensilios del templo de Dios al templo de su dios en Babilonia, y que los depositara en el tesoro del templo de su dios. ³ Además, el rey Nabucodonosor dio órdenes a Aspenaz, jefe de sus eunucos, de que se llevara a algunos israelitas pertenecientes a la familia real. ⁴ Debían ser jóvenes bien parecidos y sin defectos físicos, capacitados en todo conocimiento, inteligentes y capaces de aprender, y con las cualidades suficientes para estar en el palacio del rey. A éstos Aspenaz debía enseñarles la escritura y la lengua de los caldeos. ⁵ Para su alimentación diaria, el rey señaló provisiones de su propia comida y de su propio vino. Su educación duraría tres años, al cabo de los cuales serían presentados ante el rey. ⁶ Entre estos jóvenes se hallaban Daniel, Jananías, Misael y Azarías, que eran de la tribu de Judá. ⁷ Pero el jefe de los eunucos les cambió de nombre: a Daniel lo llamó Beltsasar; a Jananías, Sadrac; a Misael, Mesac; y a Azarías, Abednego.

⁸ En lo íntimo, Daniel se propuso no contaminarse con la ración de la comida y bebida del rey que se le daba, y le pidió al jefe de los eunucos que no se le obligara a contaminarse. ⁹ Y Dios hizo que Daniel se ganara la simpatía y buena voluntad del jefe de los eunucos, ¹⁰ aunque éste le dijo a Daniel:

«Tengo miedo de mi señor el rey, que claramente dijo lo que ustedes debían comer y beber. Si más tarde él ve que los rostros de ustedes son más pálidos que los de los otros jóvenes semejantes a ustedes, me habrán condenado a que el rey me corte la cabeza.»

¹¹ El jefe de los eunucos había puesto al cuidado de Daniel, Jananías, Misael y Azarías, a un guardia llamado Melsar. A éste Daniel le dijo:

¹² «Yo te ruego que hagas con estos siervos tuyos una prueba de diez días. Ordena que nos den de comer legumbres, y que nos den de beber agua. ¹³ Después de esta prueba, compara nuestro semblante con el de los otros jóvenes que reciben la ración de la comida del rey, y haz entonces con estos siervos tuyos según lo que veas.»

¹⁴ Melsar estuvo de acuerdo con ellos, e hizo la prueba de los diez días. ¹⁵ Vencido el plazo, el semblante de ellos era mejor y más robusto que el de los otros jóvenes que recibían la ración de la comida del rey. ¹⁶ De modo que Melsar se llevaba la ración de la comida y del vino que era su alimento, y en su lugar les daba legumbres.

¹⁷ Dios les dio a estos cuatro jóvenes conocimientos e inteligencia en todas las letras y ciencias. Además, Daniel era muy entendido en cuestiones de visiones y sueños. ¹⁸ Y cuando se cumplió el plazo al fin del cual el rey Nabucodonosor había ordenado que los llevaran a su presencia, el jefe de los eunucos los llevó ante él. ¹⁹ Y el rey habló con ellos, y entre todos los jóvenes no se halló a nadie como Daniel, Jananías, Misael y Azarías, de modo que todos ellos se quedaron al servicio del rey. ²⁰ En todo lo que el rey les preguntó, y que tenía que ver con cuestiones de sabiduría e inteligencia, los halló diez veces más sabios que todos los magos y astrólogos que había en todo su reino. ²¹ Fue así como Daniel se quedó allí hasta el año primero del rey Ciro.

One: La palabra del Señor

All: *Gracias a Dios!*

Invitation — At the table we have a meal that has sustained Christians over thousands of years, a tangible reminder of God’s self-giving love.

This table is for all baptized Christians, come and eat!

If you’re not a baptized Christian, we’re honored that you’re here :)

We invite you to come forward to receive a blessing (you can put your hands together like this), or remain in your seat if that’s more comfortable.

But we do ask that you not partake in the elements to respect the sacredness of this meal for Christians.

We now invite everyone to stand to confess or consider the Apostles Creed.

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