



January 22, 2017

Prelude Alethea Funck
" Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices" (setting by Bussarow)
" When Morning Gilds the Skies" (setting by Culli)

We Gather Together . . .

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus: Every 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.

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.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.
(Pre-Chorus/Chorus)

Bridge: You give and take away, You give and take away;
My heart will choose to say,
"Lord, blessed be Your name."
(Repeat Bridge, then repeat Chorus 2x.)
(by Beth Redman, Matt Redman ©2002 Thankyou Music)

To Ask the Lord's Blessing . . . Pastor Dave
Invoking God's Presence to Bless His People

God's Word Read Susan Milauskas
Isaiah 52:7-12; 58:1-9 (ESV)
(Pages 735, 740-741 in Black NIV Pew Bible
& Pages 613, 617-618 in Blue ESV Pew Bible)

Song of Affirmation
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
(Tune of "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness")

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife
We hear Your voice, O Son of Man!

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
On shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
From paths where hide the lures of greed
We catch the vision of Your tears.

The cup of water given for you
Still holds the freshness of Your grace;
Yet long these multitudes to view
The strong compassion of Your face.

O Master, from the mountainside,
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again.
(by Frank Mason North, 1903)

Prayers of the People Bill France

Worship in Giving Alethea Funck - Offertory
"The Lord's My Shepherd" (arranged by Berry)
(In the setting of G. F. Handel's "Largo" from XERXES.)
(Text found on #694 in the hymnal.)

Ushers today:
Doug Fogwell, Mike Wagers

Children dismissed for Children's Church (Rm. 5)

Song of Preparation
The Church's One Foundation (#401 vs. 1-3)

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food;
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.
(by Samuel J. Stone)

God's Word Read Susan Milauskas
Acts 17:10-14, 16-17, 22-31 (NLT)
(Pages 1111-1112 in Black NIV Pew Bible
& Pages 926-927 in Blue ESV Pew Bible)

God's Word Taught Pastor Dave
"Red and Yellow, Black and White . . ."

Sing Praises to His Name . . .
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
(Tune of "Come All Christians, Be Committed")

Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked Your mercy's perfect deed:
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose every gift which You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless,
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still he captives long for freedom,
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As You, Lord, in deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By Your Spirit send Your power
To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.
(by Albert F. Bayly, 1961, alt. ©Oxford University Press)

He Forgets Not His Own . . . Nimrod Tica
Blessing People with God's Promises

Postlude Alethea Funck
"Song for a New Year" (Martin)
(CCLI #575345)

Prayer for Eternal Life
"Dear God, I confess that I have sinned many times in word and deed. I humbly confess that I have broken Your law and that my sins have separated me from You. Here and now, I ask Jesus Christ to be my Savior. I believe that Jesus is Your only begotten Son who died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. With all my heart and soul, I trust Jesus alone for my salvation. Please forgive my sins, save me and make me a brand-new person. These things I ask in Jesus' name, Amen."

Praying God's Purpose for His People
An Invitation for Personal Intercession
(Bill France, Leader; in Pastor's Study - Turn Right Down Hall)

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

JANUARY 22-29, 2017

Sun.	L.I.F.@E. TIME (Prayer)	11:15 AM
Tues.	COFFEEBREAK SUCCESSION PLANNING TEAM	9:30 AM 7 PM
Thurs.	MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST (McDonald's)	6:45 AM
Next Sun.	WORSHIP SERVICE OPEN FORUM	9:30 AM 11:15 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

February 1 – Board Reports Due
February 5 – Congregational Meeting 11:15 am
February 11 – Men's Connection 7:45-9 am
February 19 – Congregational Annual Meeting 11:15 am

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COFFEEBREAK

Attention Ladies! Coffeebreak will hold their winter/spring sessions on a monthly basis. The first meeting of the year will be held **this Tuesday, January 24**, with food/fellowship 9:30-10 a.m., prayer 10-10:30 a.m. and devotion/discussion 10:30-11:15 a.m. We will be using Cynthia Heald's book *Drawing Near to the Heart of God*, which can be purchased online at amazon.com for \$14.99 (plus shipping/taxes). The first session is titled "Preparing for a Lifetime Journey." Please join us on the journey!

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Today, we recognize Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Pray for the Lord to release wisdom and understanding and for a restoration of the personhood of the unborn and the biblical sanctity of human life ethic from conception to natural death. Pray for all women struggling with unintended pregnancies. If you did not pick up a CareNet flyer, please do so as you leave.

L.I.F.@E. TIME PRAYER FOCUS

Today, we will gather for a time of prayer during L.I.F.@E. Time at 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary (this week). These prayer sessions will take the place of the Wednesday night Midweek Service for the winter months.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

A limited number of the 2017 Church Directory is available on the table in the Fireside Room **today**. Additional copies will be made available next week if you do not receive one today.

CONTRIBUTION REPORTS AND ENVELOPES

2016 Contribution Reports and 2017 Offering Envelopes are available on the table in the lobby by the library. **Reports not picked up by next Sunday will be mailed.** If you have questions, contact Assistant Financial Secretary Stu Johnson.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING / REPORTS

We will hold our Congregational Annual Meeting on **Sunday, February 19**, at 11:15 a.m. **Board reports for the booklet are due by February 1.** If possible, please send them by e-mail to secretary@evbapt.org.

BIBLE READING GUIDES

Our Bible Reading Guides for this year highlight key Bible passages. If you do not yet have a copy of the Jan./Feb. bookmark, it is available on the table in the Fireside Room.

BIRTHDAY / ANNIVERSARY LIST

Pick up your copy of the January birthday/anniversary list in the Fireside Room. Not on the list? Contact the church office.

CONNECTIONS FELLOWSHIP TIME

The **January-March** sign-up sheet for our Connections fellowship time is in the Fireside Room. More than one person/family can supply food. We need lots of volunteers!

PAUSE TO PRAY

Pray for **Dave P**, who had successful surgery to repair an injury suffered in a fall. Give thanks for a successful procedure, and pray for his healing.

Pray for the **Succession Planning Team** as they meet on Tuesday to consider recommendations regarding the next steps in our succession process. Ask the Lord to give them His Spirit of wisdom as they discern our path. Intercede, also, for a sense of unity and trust among our congregation.

Pray for **Coffeebreak** as they begin a monthly schedule of women meeting for prayer, study, encouragement and support. Their first meeting of the new year is Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Two of our ministry partners have resumed or soon will be resuming activities in our facility. Intercede for **Serve City** and **E.D.G.E.** (Eastern DuPage for Godly Education) as they impact the lives of young people while using Evangel's building as an effective tool.

Intercede for **the leaders of our nation** as the new administration has assumed their duties. Pray for a deeper sense of serving the broad national interests over narrow partisan priorities. Ask the Lord to guide our new President and his advisors with a strong measure of wisdom, patience, thoughtfulness and honor.

Pray for important upcoming meetings for our congregation. We will hold an **Open Forum** on January 29 to explore different options and a formal **Congregational Meeting** on February 5 for any decisions. Ask the Lord to bring a sense of agreement to these gatherings.

Converge Worldwide has begun to explore the steps it might take to accurately assess the challenges of racial, ethnic and cultural diversity within our movement. Pray for the impact of decisions that might arise from this examination to further our effective proclamation of the Gospel.

Intercede for important Converge church health and outreach conferences upcoming in the early months of 2017, including **"Transform"** a networking conference for church leaders to be held in Garden Grove, California, January 24-27. Ask the Lord to inspire both participants and facilitators during those important days.

Members & Friends: Dave & Joyce P, Helen R, Dave & Beth S

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