

**PRAY**

1. Leaders in worship: Pastor Bob Bolander, Brandon Ramey & the Worship Ministry.
2. God will meet with us through His word and by His Spirit, lead us to worship Christ and grow in Christ-likeness.
3. God will help us to be a church of zeal and hope, passionate about ministry and confident in His promises.
4. God will make us more passionate about and obedient to His mission of leading people to trust and follow Christ.

**MUSIC**

**PRELUDE**

**Set Our Hope**

by Prayer Time Band

**CORPORATE SINGING**

**Hallelujah For The Cross**

by Ben Glover, Chris McClarney, and Jeff Pardo

**Everlasting God**

by William Murphy

**TIME OF PRAYER**

**It Is Well With My Soul**

by Horatio Gates Spafford, Phillip Bliss, David Shippis

**RESPONSE SONG**

**In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)**

by Keith Getty/ Stuart Townend/ E. Mote/ Paul Mills/ Travis Cottrell/ William Bradbury

**PREPARE FOR THE MESSAGE**

**“Against All Odds!” 1 Peter 4:12-19 | Pastor Bob Bolander**

We will conclude the section in Peter’s epistle regarding the suffering of the believers. This passage gives a quick overview of the principles that Peter has outlined in chapters 3 and 4. Verse 18 is a quote from Proverbs 11:31 and highlights the fact that the hope of God preserving the believer through suffering seems impossible. So Peter outlines in verse 19 three things that will give daily confidence and hope to every believer going through the trials and tribulations of this life. It may seem against all odds that we can be delivered but the promise is real and within our reach. As we prepare for Sunday, let’s list the issues we face in life that seem to us “too much to overcome.” Let’s be prepared to lay those before God on Sunday and allow Him to carry us through. Let’s also ask God to reveal to us the ways we have been taking matters into our own hands to find deliverance. This Sunday may be the time to turn everything over to God in this journey as “exiles.”

**LYRICS**

**Everlasting God**

**VERSE 1**

The Lord is my light and salvation  
Whom shall I fear?  
Whom shall I be afraid? [x2]

I will wait on You,  
I will wait on You,  
I will trust in You,  
I will trust in You

**CHORUS**

I will remain confident in this  
I will see the goodness of the Lord [x2]

**VERSE 2**

The Lord is my light and salvation  
Whom shall I fear?  
Whom shall I be afraid? [x2]

I will wait on You,  
I will wait on You,  
I will trust in You,  
I will trust in You

**CHORUS**

**BRIDGE**

We set our hope on You  
We set our hope on Your love  
We set our hope on the One  
Who is the Everlasting God  
You are the Everlasting God,  
You are the Everlasting [X4]

**CHORUS**

**It Is Well With My Soul**

**VERSE 1**

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

**REFRAIN**

It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul),  
It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

**VERSE 2**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

**REFRAIN**

**VERSE 3**

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—  
My sin—not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

**REFRAIN**

**VERSE 4**

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:  
If Jordan above me shall roll,  
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life  
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

## RESPOND TO THE SERMON

"Excuses!" Luke 14:15-24 | Pastor Darrin Mechling

**Truth:** The invitation of salvation has been extended to many. This is a time of grace, which means that it is still possible to repent, trust, and follow Christ.

**Response:** If you have not already, repent of your sins, trust in Christ's payment, and begin to follow Him on this day. If you have already been repenting of your sins, have trusted Christ for the payment of your sins, and have begun to follow Him, think of someone who hasn't done that yet and extend the invitation to that individual.

**Truth:** How others might respond to your invitation is not a valid excuse for failure to take action on your end. Others might reject you, ridicule you, blow you off, but none of that is a valid reason for you to keep the invitation to yourself.

**Response:** If you haven't already, pick up a "Missions 2019" booklet. Go through it, pray on it, and then contact one of the team leaders to let them know of your commitment to that outreach. It doesn't mean that you'll see fruit the very first time you extend the invitation of the gospel. It does mean that you're counted faithful and obedient.

**Truth:** The cost of salvation that Christ paid is too great for us to ignore. All of our excuses pale in comparison to the sacrifice of Christ.

**Response:** Dwell on and meditate upon the sacrifice Christ made. When He came into the world, He left His glory behind. When He went on to the cross, He left His life behind. Why?

## FAMILY RESPONSE

**Sunday, Nov. 11**

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**Truth:** Jesus tells a parable about a great banquet or feast. A parable is a story Jesus tells to help people understand spiritual things using familiar objects or circumstances. In this parable, the man giving the banquet represents God. The great banquet is God's Kingdom. The one who is already trusting and following Jesus is the servant being sent out. In the story, the servant is sent with the banquet invitation to the previously invited, everyone in the city, and anyone that can be found out in the countryside. This tells us that God wants us to take the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to everyone in every place without any excuses. It is our Kingdom assignment.

**Response:** Invite your children in on the formation of your mission commitments for 2019; they can "Go, Give, and Pray" as well. This past year, many children actively participated alongside their parents in after school Bible clubs, Beautiful Feet, Crisis Ministries, and Hope ESL. These ongoing, community options are low cost and highly accessible; however, don't shut the door to international options as a family either. Every one of our serving families around the globe is doing so with young children of their own. Don't be afraid to tell God "yes."