

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 2, 2025

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

The risen Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

INVOCATION

\* MUSIC            *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*            # 64

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC            *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*            # 618

SCRIPTURE READING Nehemiah 4: 4-14 (NIV pew Bible # 755)

<sup>4</sup> Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. <sup>5</sup> Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders. <sup>6</sup> So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart. <sup>7</sup> But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. <sup>8</sup> They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. <sup>9</sup> But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat. <sup>10</sup> Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall." <sup>11</sup> Also our enemies said, "Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work." <sup>12</sup> Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, "Wherever you turn, they will attack us." <sup>13</sup> Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. <sup>14</sup> After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

The Word of the Lord.    **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read, and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

MESSAGE

*Nehemiah Pt. 3: Don't Be Afraid*

Darrell Arnold

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung by all)*

***"Our Father, Which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."***

COMMUNION    *The table is open to all who profess Jesus as Lord.*

Pastor: Let us share in the Great Thanksgiving.

ALL: **We give thanks, together, to the Lord our God.**

Pastor: Let us confess our needs and look to God together.

ALL: **Almighty God, cleanse our hearts, forgive us our sins, fill us with your grace and inspire us by your Holy Spirit to magnify the name of Jesus.**

Pastor:            *(Will the ushers please come forward)*

*(Those wishing to receive Communion at the rail may come forward)*

On the night in which Christ gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

*"Take eat; this is my body which is given for you.*

*Do this in remembrance of me."*

When the supper was over, Christ took the cup, gave thanks to God, gave it to his disciples, and said:

*"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

*Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

*(We may all eat of the bread together)*

*(We may drink of the cup together)*

Pastor: Now in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: **Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again. Amen!**

GLORIA PATRI            *"Glory Be to the Father"*            # 70

OFFERING

\* DOXOLOGY            *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*            # 95

\* MUSIC            *"Victory in Jesus"*            # 370

\* BENEDICTION            *\* Please stand if you are able*

**Have a prayer concern or a blessing to share?  
 Call (209) 883-4952 or email office@hughsonumc.com.  
 Please obtain permission of individuals involved before sharing.**

**Prayers**

Pastor Victoria Schlintz, prayers for healing;  
 Esta Smart, sends her love to everyone;

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Feb 6 SPRC, 3pm, Youth Room
- Feb 9 Scout Sunday
- Feb 14 OWLS lunch, 12noon, Samaritan Village
- Feb 26 – Apr 2 Wednesday Lenten Study, 4-5pm, *The Message of Jesus: Words that Change the World*" by Adam Hamilton
- Mar 16 Pi(e) Day; Guest Speaker Dist. Supt. Mary Maaga

- Stretch Class Monday 10:30am, Social Hall
- Lunch with the Pastor Monday 11:30am, Samaritan Village
- Seek & Sew 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 10am-2pm, Youth Rm
- Men's Group Wednesday 8am, Hamilton's
- Women's Bible Study Wednesday 9:30am, Youth Room
- Strengthening Class Wednesday 10:30am, Social Hall
- Samaritan Village Bible Study Friday 11am, Game Room
- Adult Sunday School Sunday 9:30am, Youth Room
- Children's Sunday School Sunday during Worship

**FINANCE REPORT**

Thru December	Income	Expenses
Month to date	\$ 25,254	\$ 15,493
Year to date	\$ 186,784	\$ 197,021

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 Methodist Church**

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## **Nehemiah Pt. 3 | Don't Be Afraid**

**Big Idea:** The story of Nehemiah shows us that God acts for his people and that the proper response to God's intervention is dedication and worship.

**Key Scripture:** After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

- Nehemiah 4:14

As challenging as life can be in California, history \_\_\_\_\_ us of what is at stake, a much bigger story.

Where do we find the proper perspective to \_\_\_\_\_ us through life's challenges?

The story of Nehemiah shows us how to respond with faith when challenges come as we seek to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives or even our church.

Nehemiah's response to challenges in construction and security gives us a model to faithfully \_\_\_\_\_ to challenges in our own lives.

In taking these steps, you make yourself \_\_\_\_\_ to be part of God's great redemption story or the process by which He reveals himself to all of creation.

The story of Nehemiah is powerful and inspires us not by what happens but by \_\_\_\_\_ it happens.

### **Scripture for Further Study:**

Nehemiah 4: 1-22

John 16:16-33

### **Prayer for the Week:**

O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.