### BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH

SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE for November 21, 2021

# Greg Allen, Pastor

This morning's Thanksgiving Sunday Message is taken from Psalm 34

### 'I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES'

### Welcome!

We're very glad you've chosen to be with us today for our online Sunday worship service. We sincerely hope this time of worship will be a blessing to you.

### **Order of Service**

(hymns attached)

#### Welcome

Hymn #794, "Let All Things Now Living"

Opening Prayer

Announcements

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An explanation of this morning's service:

Congregational Reading of Psalm 34

### 1. A DOXOLOGY OF THANKS

Reflections from Psalm 34:1-3

Hymn #139, "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#### 2. A DEVOTIONAL OF THANKS

Reflections from Psalm 34:4-7

Congregational Prayers of Thanks

Reflections from Psalm 34:8-10

Hymn #210, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

### 3. A DOCTRINE OF THANKS

Reflections from Psalm 34:11-22 Hymn #408, "How Firm a Foundation"

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**Closing Prayer** 

# Hymn #794: Let All Things Now Living

Katherine K. Davis

Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us;
His light goes before us—
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night—
Till shadows have vanished
And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces;
The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains,
The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We, too, should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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# 'I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES'

King David went through a terrible time of trial (1 Samuel 21:10-15).

But in spite of his own failures along the way, he cried out to God for deliverance; and God saved him. As a result, he wrote this song. It declares to us that thanks belong to God who always delivers those who trust in Him. Let's let this psalm guide our worship; as we see how it gives us ...

#### A <u>DOXOLOGY</u> OF THANKS.

Verses 1-3; Hymn #139, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#### 2. A DEVOTIONAL OF THANKS.

Verses 4-7; Testimonies of Praise Verses 8-10; Hymn #210, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

### 3. A DOCTRINE OF THANKS.

Verses 11-22; Hymn #408, "How Firm a Foundation"



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# Congregational Scripture Reading: Psalm 34, NKJV

(Leader reads the italicized text; congregation reads the boldfaced text)

A Psalm of David when he pretended madness before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.

I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul shall make its boast in the Lord;
The humble shall hear of it and be glad.
Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt His name together.

I sought the Lord, and He heard me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
They looked to Him and were radiant,
And their faces were not ashamed.
This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him,
And saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him,
And delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good;

### Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints!

### There is no want to those who fear Him.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger;

### But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.

Come, you children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is the man who desires life,
And loves many days, that he may see good?
Keep your tongue from evil,
And your lips from speaking deceit.
Depart from evil and do good;
Seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles.

### The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
But the Lord delivers him out of them all.
He guards all his bones;
Not one of them is broken.
Evil shall slay the wicked,
And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.

### The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

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# **Hymn #139: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Thomas O. Chisholm

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not. As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

### Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

### Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

### Chorus

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# Hymn #210: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander; translated by Catherine Winkworth

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Has thou not seen how thy desires all have been Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder a new what the Almighty can do If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the "amen" sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

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### Hymn #408: How Firm a Foundation

Rippon's Selection of Hymns 1787 (lyrics revised by Bethany Bible Church)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not! He is with thee; O be not dismayed, For He is thy God and will still give thee aid. He'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by His righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, His grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply. The flame shall not hurt thee; His only design Is thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose; He will not, He will not desert to his foes. That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, He'll never, no never, no never forsake!

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# Thank you for joining us!

Please note that there will be no mid-week services this week. Have a safe and thankful holiday!

Special thanks to Robert Powell and Michael Diehl for their technical assistance.

Thank you, and God bless you!