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God's Tomorrow

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Singing in worship is one of my earliest memories. As a young adult, I remember being impatient when we sang the old songs that talked about trials and tribulations. “Blue skies and rainbows,” rather than “tempted and tried” was more my style. But now as I work through my sixth decade, I appreciate the expressions of lament found in the older hymns.

Lament is “A formal expression of sorrow or mourning, especially in verse or song...” We know grief is real but show our denial by avoiding the songs of lament in our worship to God. Paul tells us to bring everything to God—with thanksgiving (Phil. 4:6), but Solomon reminds us that there is a time for everything under heaven: “A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance...” (Lam. 3:4).

Over the past few years, our world, nation, communities and families have experienced much to lament about. The numbers alone are staggering—the personal loss is real. Emotionally, it is a lot to process—but process we must if we want to move on in a healthy way. The older hymns, from times of similar loss, give us the words that expressed the loss, and hope that keeps us moving forward.

This hymn, God's Tomorrow, is one that I did not know—or at least remember—I am over 60 😊! Reading the lyrics reminds me that yes, here we have sorrow, but there will be a day in God's tomorrow that will be eternally better than today. That's important to remember if we are going to find the strength to move into our tomorrow with hope and health. May this hymn bless you as it did me.

Verse 1

God's tomorrow is a day of gladness,
And its joys shall never fade;
No more weeping, no more sense of sadness,
No more foes to make afraid.

Verse 2

God's tomorrow is a day of greeting:
We shall see the Savior's face;
And our longing hearts await the meeting
In that holy, happy place. [Refrain]

Verse 3

God's tomorrow is a day of glory:
We shall wear the crown of life;
Sing thro' countless years love's old, old story,
Free forever from all strife. [Refrain]



Refrain:

God's tomorrow, God's tomorrow,
Ev'ry cloud will pass away
At the dawning of that day;
God's tomorrow, No more sorrow,
For I know that God's tomorrow
Will be better than today!

Special Worship Gathering this Sunday, February 27, 2020

We ask that you please join us this Sunday morning as we worship together. Our focus will be on Jesus as we worship, but we will also focus on the past, present and future of this body of believers here in Port Orchard. This will be an exciting time of reflection, as well as sharing of plans on how we can work together to accomplish the will of God as we strive to help build His kingdom.

If you are not able to be here, or are still unsure about meeting together as a group, please join us online for our live stream or even at a later time:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ

Acts Chapter 8 Study Questions

1. Why was Saul so intent on attacking the Church?
2. What do you think of Saul's response to the light all around him?
3. What do you think happened to the men who were with Saul? Just something to think about.
4. Do you think there is any significance to the 3 days Saul waits at the house of Judas?
5. Was Ananias justified in being wary of going to Saul?
6. What does Jesus say about Saul, what he will do?
7. How does Saul respond to Ananias, what does he do?
8. Did Saul find it important to be baptized?
9. How was Saul greeted by the disciples?
10. How does Saul get away?
11. Why could Peter raise Tabitha from the dead, what was the purpose?

Our Prayer List

- Wayne Hembrook is requesting prayers for his brother Michael who is unable to feed himself due to neuropathy which he has in both his hands and feet and currently in rehab. Michael's wife Judy, has physical problems that keep her from helping him. Pray for both of them and Wayne's sister Joanne Register who is helping all the family members. Pray for Wayne to finish up some health tests that he is going through. He hopes to go back east in a few weeks to visit and help with his family.
- Bonnie would like to ask prayers for Eugene, one of the hockey billets she had as a family live with them. He is from Ukraine. Pray for his and his family's safety and for all of Ukraine, please.
- Darrell and Laura Fry are with us for a few days. Laura will be returning to help with Linda on Sunday or sooner if needed. Pray for all the Fry families.
- Pray for Melvin and Barbara Byrd as they transition with various health issues.
- Pray for Danielle Hogan, who has a brain tumor. Pray also for her mother Ulina.
- Jennifer (from our FB page) is doing better. Continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Sharon McDaniel's niece, Carolyn Robak needs prayers for healing from breast cancer.
- Continued healing for Sharon McDaniel.
- Praise: Jon Powless has had his stitches removed from his head and neck, and the results are looking good.
- Karen Taylor is healing from a fall. Please pray for her healing.
- Roger and Linda Fry and their family as Linda continues treatment for her cancer.
- Darrell and Laura who hope to fly back for a few days this week and then return to Texas.
- Jessica Zepf has upcoming appointments to find out how to treat her medical issues.
- Sandi Warner's son Michael to be able to go back to work.
- Tony DelBarto is in the hospital with pneumonia and sepsis. Pray for his healing. They are unable to do the stent procedure scheduled for March 3rd until he is well.
- Nancy Armenta has upcoming surgery on March 25th for a stage 3 mass on her kidney.
- Pray for the homeless and all those suffering for many different reasons.
- Please pray for Jennifer Connelly Delay's father who has infection in his bone and is mentally giving up. Please lift him and his family up in prayers.
- As I write this Russia just invaded Ukraine. Please pray for peace and protection for all. It is so comforting to know that God is in control of everything and hears everyone's prayer.
- Pray for our nation, our leaders, POCOC, our Deacons and Leadership team that God will lead them in the decisions they make
- Praise to God for continuously watching over us and providing all our needs

POCOC Web Site (<http://pococ.weebly.com>)

- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristen Herbert and Roy Merritt. Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous recordings, too:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the video.
 Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online – Click on **Teachings**
- Current Event Calendar - Click on **News & Events**

Sunday Worship for February 27, 2022 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed after communion for Children’s Church)

Watch live stream or after our worship time:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ

Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing: Jon Powless	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Bob McDaniel	Communion: Jon Powless
9:30am Adult Class: Auditorium The Life of Christ: Trent Herbert		Children Class: Downstairs Combined Class		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID				
Acts Class (Zoom) Sundays: 6:00 – 7:00 pm		Prayer Meeting (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 pm		
Men’s Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesday, 10:00 am		Ladies Prayer Group (Zoom) Tuesdays: 10:00 am		

Communion and Tithes & Offerings

We are meeting inside the building, but we are still not passing trays row by row. Be sure to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

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If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104	

Happy Birthday!

March: Charlotte Hahn – 4, Brad Orser – 12, Troy Hill – 15, Darrell Fry – 25, Faith Wichman – 28, Roger Taylor – 31

April: Jim Snead – 6, Jacob Hammock – 10, Brandon Karn – 10, Rick Velasco – 13, Misty Hammock – 15, James Greer – 17, Lori Sanders – 28, Lilly Harris – 30

Bigger Than Any Mountain

Verse 1

Bigger than all the shadows
That fall across my path
God is bigger than any mountain
That I can or cannot see
Bigger than my confusion
Bigger than anything
God is bigger than any mountain
That I can or cannot see

Chorus

Bigger than all my problems
Bigger than all my fears
God is bigger than any mountain
That I can or cannot see
Bigger than all my questions
Bigger than anything
God is bigger than any mountain
That I can or cannot see

Verse 2

Bigger than all the giants
Of fear and unbelief
God is bigger than any mountain
That I can or cannot see
Bigger than all my hang-ups
Bigger than anything
God is bigger than any mountain
That I can or cannot see

Chorus

Bigger than all my problems
Bigger than all my fears
God is bigger than any mountain
That I can or cannot see
Bigger than all my questions
Bigger than anything
God is bigger than any mountain
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<https://youtu.be/S8TJCGuCKr4>

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“And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.”

1 Thessalonians 2:13 NIV