

welcome

We hope and fully expect that you'll encounter God this morning and even meet a few warm-hearted people as well.

You can expect the service to last around an hour and a half.

reservoir families

We're excited about your kids! We have designed special programs and services just for them that happen concurrently with the 9:30am service. Kids are also always welcome in the main services.

today's service

OPENING SONG

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON

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Pastor of Community Groups

WORSHIP

An opportunity to take Communion, receive prayer in the Chapel, and participate in musical worship.



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August 7, 2016

9:30am & 11:30am

Hebrews 11:33-12:3 (NLT)

33 By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions,³⁴ quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their loved ones back again from death.

But others were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection.³⁶ Some were jeered at, and their backs were cut open with whips. Others were chained in prisons. ³⁷ Some died by stoning, some were sawed in half, and others were killed with the sword. Some went about wearing skins of sheep and goats, destitute and oppressed and mistreated. ³⁸ They were too good for this world, wandering over deserts and mountains, hiding in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. ⁴⁰ For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us.

Chapter 12

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion

who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.³ Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won’t become weary and give up.

“We are not called to respond to generalities but to the concrete facts with which we are confronted day after day. A compassionate man can no longer look at these manifestations of evil and death as disturbing interruptions of his life plan but rather has to confront them as an opportunity for the conversion of himself and his fellow human beings. Every time in history that men and women have been able to respond to the events of their world as an occasion to change their hearts, an inexhaustible source of generosity and new life has been opened, offering hope far beyond the limits of human prediction.” -

Thomas Merton

Hebrews: 6:11 (NLT)

“Our great desire is that you will keep right on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true”.

“Flourishing in the Midst of Heartbreak”

Eleventh in the Series “Flourishing: Things We’re Learning about the Good Life”

IVY ANTHONY

How do we stand in tension?

- 1) We must _____ to acknowledge and _____ what we are _____ - honestly and _____ to ourselves and _____.
- 2) Move directly to the _____ - and allow yourself to _____ fully and expect God to _____.
- 3) Create a _____ - allowing the _____ and an inner quietude to _____.

How do we flourish in the midst of heartbreak?

- 1. Be _____ - hold ____ to _____ - and keep _____.
- 2. Try out a “standard of faithfulness”.
- 3. Be up for your _____ in _____ others’ _____ - be _____.
- 4. Don’t _____ on _____.

Notes
