



Worship — May 3

Call to Worship

¹ I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. ² Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. ³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. ⁴ One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. ⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works. ⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds. — Psalm 145:1-6 (NIV)

Praise Listen (or sing along): click the video link on the Fellowship website for *How Great Is Our God*

Read God's Word Together

²¹ You heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body... ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. ^{5:1} Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. — Ephesians 4:21-25, 32-5:2 (NIV)

Children's Message Click the video link on the Fellowship website for *Children's Message*

Pray Together (a prayer based on the Lord's Prayer and the Psalms)

Our Father in heaven, you indeed are our Father, adopting us into an eternal family. As an earthly father has compassion on his children, so you show compassion on those who fear you. You know how we are made, and remember us in our weakness. [Ps. 103] **Hallowed be your name.** You alone are holy, there is none like you; your glory is above the heavens. Yet you stoop down to lift up the needy. We exalt and worship you, for you are holy. [Ps. 113, 99] **Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.** In Christ your kingdom has already come, even though rulers of this earth gather together against you, thinking they can ruin your purposes. They cannot, for you have installed Christ, your Anointed One, the everlasting, all powerful King over all creation. [Ps. 2] **Give us this day our daily bread.** All creatures look to you for their food at the proper time; when you provide, they are satisfied with good things. When you hide your face, they are terrified. Lord, help us be good stewards of the gifts of food you have given us so that all may have their daily bread. [Ps. 104] **Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive those who sin against us.** Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sin is covered, and who know the joy of forgiveness. [Ps. 32] As we have been forgiven, help us to become like Christ, forgiving those who sin against us. **Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.** In mercy, O God, answer the prayers of all who are in deep distress. Hear their cries especially when they are tormented by those who deny you and act as if you do not care. At the same time, save us from sinning in our anger. Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord. [Ps. 4] **For the kingdom, the power, and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Message Click the video link on the Fellowship website for *Abide*

Praise Listen (or sing along): click the video link on the Fellowship website for *Build My Life*



TODAY: Perseverance is not always easy or fun; but we are reminded today that abiding in times of perseverance produces character and hope in us

Romans 5:1–11 (NIV)

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. 6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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Romans 5:1-11



From Bad News to Good News...or is it?

Perseverance

Character

Hope