

Knightsville Methodist
Order of Worship
Contemporary Worship Service
November 09, 2025
11:05 a.m.

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Prayer of Transformation

Leader: Gracious God, as we remember those who have served and are now called Veterans, we give thanks for their courage, honor, and sacrifice. We remember their commitment to peace, justice, and the protection of others.

People: We thank You, Lord, for our veterans—those who stood firm in duty and gave of themselves for the good of many.

Leader: As Paul reminded the Thessalonians, “God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.”

People: We praise You, Lord, for calling each of us to live with purpose, and for those who answered the call to serve and protect.

Leader: “Stand firm and hold fast to the teachings passed on to you,” Paul writes. May our veterans be strengthened by the truth they carried and the values they upheld.

People: May we honor their legacy by living lives of integrity, compassion, and courage.

Leader: “May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father... encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.”

People: Encourage and bless our veterans, Lord. Strengthen them in body, mind, and spirit. May they know Your peace and feel our gratitude.

Leader: Let us be a church that remembers, a people who serve, and neighbors who love.

All: We give thanks for our veterans, and we commit ourselves to be peacemakers, truth-bearers, and faithful witnesses of Your love. Amen.

Words of Wisdom - Psalm 145:1-5;17-21

Psalm 145 is a song of awe and intimacy. David begins with personal praise—"I will exalt you"—and expands into a communal call to remember God's greatness across generations. Verses 1-5 remind us that God's majesty is not just seen in creation but in His acts of compassion and justice. His greatness is unsearchable, yet His goodness is tangible. In verses 17-21, we see the heart of God: righteous, near to those who call, attentive to their cries, and faithful to save. This is not a distant deity but a present Father. He upholds, hears, and fulfills the desires of those who fear Him. To meditate on God's works is to anchor ourselves in hope. To speak of His greatness is to pass on faith. And to trust in His nearness is to find peace in every season.

Allow these words from the New International Version to open up your heart, soul, and mind to the greatness and goodness of God.

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.
Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.
They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.
The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.
The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

May God bless our discernment to His Holy Word.

People: Praise be to God.

Word of God - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5; 13-17

In a world filled with confusion, fear, and deception, Paul's words to the Thessalonians ring with urgency and hope. He warns of false teachings and unsettling claims about the end times (vv. 1-5), but he doesn't leave the church in despair. Instead, he reminds them that they are **chosen, loved, and called** to stand firm in truth.

Verses 13-17 shift the tone from warning to reassurance. Paul celebrates the believers' faith and encourages them to hold tightly to the gospel they received. This is not passive waiting—it's active perseverance. To "stand firm" means to remain rooted in God's Word, to resist fear, and to live with confidence in God's promises.

In times of uncertainty, we are called to remember who we are: beloved by God, sanctified by the Spirit, and destined for glory. Our strength doesn't come from circumstances—it comes from the One who is faithful in all He does.

Now hear the word of the Lord, from the New International Version.

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness^[a] is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.