



Faith - Family - Fellowship

Order of Worship
Traditional Worship Service
October 26, 2025

Words of Welcome		PR
Prayer of Transformation		PR
Call to Worship	When in Our Music God Is Glorified (Hymnal #68, vs 1 & 5)	Chancel Choir
Hymn of Faith	Sweet Hour of Prayer (Hymnal #496, All Verses)	Chancel Choir & Congregation
Word of God	James 5:1-12	Leslie Hannah
Anthem of Hope	The Prayer	Chancel Choir
Doxology / Blessing of the Offering	Hymnal #95	Jim Vaughn
Word of God	James 5:13-20	Jay Barnes
Video		
Spiritual Vitamin	From One Brother To Another <i>"Faith That Endures"</i>	PR
Prayers of the Church / The Lord's Prayer		Shawn Boykin
Hymn of Love	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Hymnal #127, Chancel Choir Vs 1, All Sing vs 2 & 3)	Chancel Choir & Congregation
Going Forth		

Prayer of Transformation

Pastor: Please join me in today's Prayer of Transformation.

Lord, You see the cries of the oppressed and the injustice in the world.

All: Transform our hearts to seek justice and walk humbly with You.

Pastor: You call us to patience in suffering, like farmers waiting for the harvest.

All: Teach us to wait well, trusting Your timing and Your goodness.

Pastor: You are full of compassion and mercy, even when we falter.

All: Strengthen our hearts and help us stand firm in faith.

Pastor: You invite us to pray in every season—when we're hurting, rejoicing, or in need of healing.

All: Make our prayers bold, our faith deep, and our love sincere.

Pastor: You call us to confess, to forgive, and to restore one another.

All: Transform our communities with grace, honesty, and healing.

Pastor: You remind us that those who wander are never beyond Your reach.

All: Use us to gently guide others back to Your truth and love.

Together: Lord, transform us through Your Word. Make us agents of healing, hope, and restoration. Amen.

Word of God - James 5:1-12

James opens chapter 5 with a stern warning to the wealthy who have hoarded riches and exploited others. It's a call to justice and a reminder that God sees every injustice—and will bring it to account. But for those who suffer, James offers comfort: *Be patient*. Like a farmer waiting for rain, we are called to trust God's timing. The Lord is near, and He is full of compassion and mercy. In seasons of hardship, it's easy to grumble or lose heart. But James urges us to stand firm, to speak truth without judgment, and to remember the prophets who endured before us. Their stories remind us that perseverance is not passive—it's active trust in God's goodness.

Now hear the word of God from the New Living Translation version, James chapter 5, verses 1 through 12.

Look here, you rich people: Weep and groan with anguish because of all the terrible troubles ahead of you. Your wealth is rotting away, and your fine clothes are moth-eaten rags. Your gold and silver are corroded. The very wealth you were counting on will eat away your flesh like fire. This corroded treasure you have hoarded will testify against you on the day of judgment. For listen! Hear the cries of the field workers whom you have cheated of their pay. The cries of those who harvest your fields have reached the ears of the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

You have spent your years on earth in luxury, satisfying your every desire. You have fattened yourselves for the day of slaughter. You have condemned and killed innocent people, who do not resist you.

Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is nearby.

Don't grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look—the Judge is standing at the door! For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy.

But most of all, my brothers and sisters, never take an oath, by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no, so that you will not sin and be condemned.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Word of God - James 5:13-20

James closes his letter with a call to action: *pray*. Whether we're suffering, rejoicing, or sick, prayer is the response. It's not a last resort—it's our first move.

This passage reminds us that prayer isn't just personal—it's communal. We're invited to pray for one another, confess our sins, and seek healing together. There's power in vulnerability, and strength in spiritual unity.

Elijah is lifted up as an example—not because he was perfect, but because he was faithful. His prayers changed the weather. Ours can change hearts, homes, and communities.

And for those who have wandered away from the church, James urges us to gently bring them back. Restoration is the heartbeat of grace.

Now hear the word of God, from the New Living Translation version, chapter 5, verses 13 through 20.

Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops. My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

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