

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."  
2 Peter 3:18*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146:1-10

#### †PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### †WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name  
Psalm 144

#### CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Father, we confess that we may approach you with our mouths and our lips, when our hearts are not in worship. We confess that we offer to you that which costs us little. Though you are a great King, we often bring to you the leftovers of our time, energy, gifts, and worship. We have neglected your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have ignored your laws when it causes us to lose our ease. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs, and wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs. O Father, have mercy on us! Forgive us of our many debts! Cleanse us and give us the mind and heart of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many. In His name, and for His sake, we come to you. Amen.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:10-12 "He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.."

#### †WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Come Thou Fount

#### †CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism #19 and #20

#### WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Ed Baker

#### WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

"Distress, Division, and Defeat" from 1 Samuel 30:1-31 by Rev. John Downs

#### WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD'S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### †SONG OF RESPONSE

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

#### †BENEDICTION

#### †DOXOLOGY

† Congregation standing, as you are able.

\* Nursery is provided based on needs.

# Sermon Notes

**Title:** "Distress, Division, and Defeat" by Rev. John Downs

**Text:** 1 Samuel 30:1-31

## Yahweh's king leads his people through distress and division by defeating their enemies.

I. God's People Are In Distress v. 1-8

II. God's Enemies Are Defeated v. 9-20

III. Divisions Begin To Be Healed v. 21-31

Application – *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves"* (James 1:22).

Our responsibility, by God's grace and power, is to consistently apply the truths of God's Word that we have heard to our lives (Phil. 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on the sermon and this passage of Scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a principle to follow?