

# Living Water Fellowship

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

COME TO JESUS

## WELCOME:

### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

*Father we worship you with songs of praise, with words of prayer & with ears that listen for your voice over the noise of our lives. We long for you in the silent spaces where we struggle for hope & courage. We long for a glimpse of your glory: the glory that shines in the darkness & the darkness cannot overcome; the glory that touches lives & heals wounded souls, gives strength to the weary, & draws us into your purifying presence. Grant us grace to live every moment changed by such glory - living to reflect the life of Jesus, through whom your glory shines eternally...Amen.*

SONG: What a Beautiful Name

*GROW IN HIS GRACE*

BIBLE READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20

### FAITH CHAT:

SONG: Shout to The Lord

THE MESSAGE: RE-SET HOPE

SONG: Jesus Strong & Kind

### PRAYERS:

### COMMUNION:

*Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Worship Video during Communion: Living Hope (Phil Wickham)*

*GO IN HIS POWER*

### BLESSING:

**(Name) † child of God, The Father rejoices over you with singing! Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: 10,000 Reasons

*SHOW HIS LOVE*

### ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

<sup>14</sup> Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel!  
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> For the Lord will remove his hand of judgment  
and will disperse the armies of your enemy.  
And the Lord himself, the King of Israel, will live among you!  
At last your troubles will be over, and you will never again fear disaster.

<sup>16</sup> On that day the announcement to Jerusalem will be,  
“Cheer up, Zion! Don’t be afraid!

<sup>17</sup> For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty saviour.  
He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears.  
He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.”

<sup>18</sup> “I will gather you who mourn for the appointed festivals;  
you will be disgraced no more.

<sup>19</sup> And I will deal severely with all who have oppressed you.  
I will save the weak and helpless ones;  
I will bring together those who were chased away.  
I will give glory and fame to my former exiles,  
wherever they have been mocked and shamed.

<sup>20</sup> On that day I will gather you together and bring you home again.  
I will give you a good name, a name of distinction,  
among all the nations of the earth as I restore your fortunes before their very eyes.  
I, the Lord, have spoken!”

### Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Zephaniah 3:14-20. What questions immediately come to mind?
2. Why are God’s people commanded to “*sing, shout, be glad and rejoice*”? How does that command apply to you, & how will you carry it out?
3. Scholars say that about 80% of Zephaniah’s preaching was “bad news.” He is clear that God will judge his world & his people in particular for their unfaithfulness. How is the Father’s redemption, proclaimed here (vs 9-20), consistent with his holy & righteous wrath? Why would some people want to focus less on God’s holiness & righteousness and more on his redemption? How can you have one & not the other?
4. Through the book of Zephaniah, there is a pattern of rebellion, restoration & rejoicing. If this were the story of your life, in which of those 3 stages would you say you are today in your relationship with God? Why is it like that? What shifts would you need to make to grow toward the final promises of vs 18-20?
5. Look at Zeph 3:5. What qualities of God does the prophet lift up for God’s people? How are God’s people falling short of that standard? How do you?
6. Given their history from the Exodus, through the periods of Judges & the Kings, and now to looking their destruction in the face, why do you think the people of Israel repeatedly fail to heed God’s warnings & cling solely to him?
7. Where in these verses do you find hope for restoration & renewal? Where do you find yourself challenged in your faith & faithfulness? What is God calling for in your life right now? What are you going to do?