

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

Living into God's Story

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude Morning Has Broken – Flute Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Spotlight on Mission Child Evangelism Fellowship

Moment of Preparation Lord Speak to Me

Call to Worship

Songs #556 - Praise God from Whom All Blessings

#17 – O Worship the King

Confession of Sin

Affirmation of Forgiveness Romans 5:8

Song My Savior My God

Offertory Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee/

Great is Thy Faithfulness Medley – Flute Choir

Prayers of the People Paul Reader

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Song 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
New Testament Acts 4:23-28 - Margaret Key

Message Rev. Keith Fink

A Story of God's Providence

Genesis 50:15-26

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song #330 – When Peace Like a River Attendeth

Benediction Postlude

Living into God's Story A Story of God's Providence

Genesis 50:15-26

Question: What story are we living into? Is it a story of our own making? Or, is it a story foisted on us by the system? Or, is it God's great story into which he invites us to live?

I. Seeing God's Story in the Past (vs. 15-21)

"This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men." (Acts 2:23)

II. Living into God's Story in the Future (vs. 22-26)

"Who will shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?... "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels or rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35,37-39)

Point to Ponder: At the close of our life, what story will we be able to tell? Will it be a story that merely recounts our striving, plotting and planning? Or will it be the sad story of a victim of the system? Or will it be a story that while filled with dark valleys and unanswered questions, is nevertheless a story of God's faithfulness (His providential care) that will lead into an eternity of life better than we have ever known?

Next Week: Next Sunday we will conclude our sermon series *Living into God's Story* by considering **Exodus 1:1-8:** 'Chapter Two.'

