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*Sermon: Rejoice In Trials*

*1 Peter 1:1-9*

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♪ **Be Thou My Vision (TH #642)**

*Benediction*

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## Greeting

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### Call To Worship (Psalm 103:1-5, 22)

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Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits**

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**All: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

♪ **Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (TH #30)**

## Confession of Sin

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### Call to Confession (WSC Q. 67-69)

**Q. 67.** Which is the sixth commandment?

**A.** The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill.

**Q. 68.** What is required in the sixth commandment?

**A.** The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

**Q. 69.** What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

**A.** The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

## Corporate Confession

**Merciful Father, you are infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions; in the beginning you brought life out of nothing, and you preserve life in the present. While You call us preserve the life of ourselves and others, to subdue all passions which tend to the unjust taking away the life of any, and to bear patiently with others and forgive their injuries against us, we confess that we have not loved our neighbor as you call us to love our neighbor. Sinful anger, hatred, envy, and a desire for revenge occasionally grips our hearts. And our words sometimes provoke quarrels rather than bring peace. Forgive us for the ways we have violated your law, and help us to preserve life and strive for peace with others. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 57:15-19)

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*“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would grow faint before me, and the breath of life that I made. Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry, I struck him; I hid my face and was angry, but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart. I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners, creating the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near,” says the Lord, “and I will heal him.”*

♪ **Psalm 32a (Printed Insert)**

## Scripture Reading

*Romans 4:1-12*

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♪ **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (TH #296)**