



Welcome to Bread of Life Fellowship!

A community of believers devoted to the apostles' doctrine and fellowship in the breaking of bread and in prayers

Order of Worship – July 17, 2022

Call to worship and pastoral prayer

Hymnal #767: For All the Saints

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:9-27

Extra Sheet: Take Up Thy Cross

Sermon: Endure the Cross, Receive the Crown
Revelation 2:8-11

Prayer of response to sermon

Extra Sheet: My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Extra Sheet: Come Behold the Wondrous...

The Lord's Supper

Extra Sheet: We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Who are to come to the Lord's Table?

Born-again baptized believers, not practicing willful unrepentant sin, who are united to Christ as part of a sound evangelical church.

Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins but nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continuing weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith. The Heidelberg Catechism Q,81

1 Corinthians 11:27-30 admonishes us to partake of the Table with self-examination and careful regard for the body of Christ. Failure to do so may subject us to chastisement. If you have significant conflict with others in the church, please refrain from participating today and make efforts to reconcile.

You may give cheerfully in the offering box or through the [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) app

Visitors

- ▶ Put your welcome card in the offering box, we have free resources for you!
- ▶ Nursery available for children under age 3 during the sermon.
- ▶ Free evangelism materials in the foyer upstairs.
- ▶ Elders are available after service to pray or answer questions.

Elders

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Sermon Outline

Endure the Cross, Receive the Crown Revelation 2:8-11

- I. **Introduction:**
Polycarp; the church and suffering; Smyrna-a historical sketch

- II. **Exposition:** The suffering church
 - A. Address and identification of the author (v.8)
 - The Eternal One (Rev 1:8, Heb 13:8)
 - The Victorious One (Philip 2:8, Rev 1:18)

 - B. Commendation (v.9)
 - “I know your tribulation...”
 - Enduring poverty (Heb 10:34, 2 Cor 6:10)
 - Enduring slander (Rev 3:9)

 - C. A call to suffer more (v.10)
 - Words of comfort-- “Do not fear” (Rev 1:17, Ps 27)
 - Anticipate further testing--Imprisonment and death (1 Pet 1:6, 4:12)

 - D. A promise of reward to the faithful (v.10-11)
 - Receive the victor’s crown (v.10, James 1:12)
 - Escape the second death (v.11, Rev 21:8)

- III. **Application:**
 1. Do we avoid suffering by compromise?
 2. Behold the glory and worthiness of Christ our Savior