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⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

- I. A statement of confidence – (*This is what Paul truly believed.*)
God will finish what He started. (God will persevere.)
- II. The Westminster Confession states:
 - A. All who are called by God will be saved by God. (WCF - XVII. I)
 - B. The perseverance of the saints depends not on man's free will but on the triune power of God: "the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ; the abiding of the Spirit, and of the seed of God within them; and the nature of the covenant of grace..." (WCF - XVII.II)
 - C. Nevertheless, man is still tempted and may still sin and face the temporal judgments for their sin. (WCF - XVII. III)
- III. God tells us in His Holy Word:
 - A. God works all things for the good for those loves and calls – He calls, justifies, and glorifies. (Romans 8:28-30)
 - B. God gives us the ability to recognize/hear His call. (John 10:22-30)
 - C. God gives us the Holy Spirit who empowers us to live out our call. *We are to yield to and not grieve the Holy Spirit* (Ephesians 4:29-32)
 - D. God gives us all we need for life and godliness. It is God who works in us so let's work with Him to make our calling and election sure. (2 Peter 1:3-11)
- IV. Application: ***We too can be confident of this:***

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(verse 1)

We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love,
for Jesus who died and is now gone above.
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen!
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.

(verse 2)

We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of light,
who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night.
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen!
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.

(verse 3)

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
who has borne all our sins and has cleansed every stain.
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen!
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.

(verse 4)

Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love;
may each soul be rekindled with fire from above.
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen!
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.

*Invocation

Responsive Reading Romans 8:28-30 & John 10:27-28

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

²⁹ **For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the**

firstborn among many brothers.

³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. (Romans 8)

²⁷ **My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.** ²⁸ **I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. (John 10)**

Corporate Unison Prayer:

From Ephesians 4:29-32

Lord forgive us when we let unwholesome talk come out of our mouths. Help us to say what is helpful for building others up according to their needs. May our words benefit those who listen. May we not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom we are sealed for the day of redemption.

Give us the power to rid our lives of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Allow us the grace to be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgiven us.

Declaration of our Blessed Hope

From 1 Peter 1:3-11

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But

if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

¹⁰ Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, ¹¹ and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying,
"Christian, follow Me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying,
"Christian, love Me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love Me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call,
give our hearts to Thy obedience, serve and love Thee best of all.

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Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 394 *In My Life Lord, Be Glorified* (vs. 1)

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

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*Choral Benediction No. 394 *In My Life Lord, Be Glorified* (vs. 3)

In Your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,
In Your Church, Lord, be glorified today.

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