

**MESSAGE OUTLINE—WEEK OF JUNE 6, 2021
SUMMER IN THE PSALMS: PSALM 138**

- ¹ I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
before the “gods” I will sing your praise.
- ² I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree
that it surpasses your fame.
- ³ When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.
- ⁴ May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,
when they hear what you have decreed.
- ⁵ May they sing of the ways of the Lord,
for the glory of the Lord is great.
- ⁶ Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life.
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;
with your right hand you save me.
- ⁸ The Lord will vindicate me;
your love, Lord, endures forever—
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Our response of worship for

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart... I will sing your praise...
I will bow down...praise your name

1. Who God is.

...for your unfailing love and your faithfulness... your fame

- Who are the “gods” in my life?

2. What God has done.

...he looks kindly on the lowly; he sees them from afar

When I called, you answered me... you greatly emboldened me... Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life... You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes... with your right hand you save me.

3. In the midst of real life.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life.

*"The dominant ideology of our culture is committed to continuity and success and the avoidance of pain, hurt, and loss. The dominant culture is also resistant to genuine newness and real surprise. It is curious but true, that surprise is as unwelcome as loss. And our culture is organized to prevent the experience of both. —Walter Brueggemann, **The Message of the Psalms: A theological commentary***

- *Where have I experienced trouble? Loss, grief, disappointment?*
- *Where has God preserved my life? New life? Hope? Surprise?*

FAMILY MATTERS

In love we remember:

- **Grace Raser** who passed away. Please keep Grace's parents Derren and Lisa Raser and the Larry and Liz Brown family in your thoughts and prayers;
- **Don Edic** who passed away. Please keep Don's wife Leona and their family in your thoughts and prayers. Don's memorial service will be Sat., June 12 at 2:00 pm at Christ Presbyterian in La Costa. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation to Literacy International;
- **Chris Busby** who passed away. Please keep Chris' parents Howard and Sue Busby, and his brother Jeff and sister Elizabeth, in your thoughts and prayers. Chris' memorial service will be Sunday, June 13, at 2:00 pm at SBPC.

June 4, 2021

Dear Church Family,

We will be celebrating Paula Taylor's retirement after both worship services (on campus) June 27, 2021. I want to share my own gratitude for Paula's ministry and some details of how you can contribute to the celebration.

Most of all, I'm grateful for Paula's heart for all of us to grow closer to Jesus. Paula's own journey here at SBPC is an example to all of us of discovering our true identity and unique calling in Christ. More than four decades ago, Bill and Paula became members of SBPC, they raised their two daughters and began lifelong friendships in this church. Paula came on staff 23 years ago as Director of Adult Discipleship, completed her master's degree, and became a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) to serve as Pastor of Adult Discipleship. Paula has given us a greater experience and understanding of our lives in Christ: finding our place of ministry through the SHAPE assessment, sermon-based small groups, and developing a real time connection with Jesus alone and together with others.

Paula has been a great partner in ministry for almost two decades. I have learned so much about my own transformation and journey with Jesus, and am grateful for her invaluable gift of discernment that has helped us lead change and pastor our congregation through many seasons. Bill has contributed his own gifts, not only as a supportive partner to Paula, but also in teaching, leading men's small groups, and serving on Session. They have both served our congregation with energy, imagination and love and together have had an eternal impact in our lives and the culture of our church.

When pastors retire from ministry in the church, we create a time of separation to allow them to unplug and get settled in their new season without the expectations of leadership. Bill and Paula will remain members of our church and will re-engage in new ways as God leads them.

Now, here's how you can help celebrate Paula's ministry. We are compiling a book of notes to express our gratitude and blessing for Paula as she begins this new season of her life. Please take some time to share what Paula's leadership has meant to you by sending a note via solanabeach.church/quicklinks or mailing to the church office. And, join us Sunday, June 27 as we celebrate and pray for Paula in our worship services.

In Christ,

Mike McClenahan