

# PRAYER UPDATE

## PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

**Traci Stengl Ghaffarian** - received bone marrow transplant at Stanford Hospital. She came home on 2/3 and will continue isolated treatment for several months. Please pray for continued healing and strength and peace for the family.

**Ryan Evans** - hopes to be discharged from the hospital on 2/4. His pancreas is still in the acute phase but is improving. Ryan is on the road to recovery! Pray for continued healing.

**Yvonne Wilkins** - at Dominican with pneumonia and kidney complications. Pray for healing.

**Steve Glaum** - had surgery on 2/2 for a wound that will not heal on his leg. Pray for no further complications as his body continues to heal.

**Carol Goldberg** - had gall bladder surgery on 2/5. Pray for a successful surgery and recovery.

**Gayle Okamoto** - is at Dominican Hospital with some kidney issues and other complications. Pray for healing.

**Trish Sweeney** - had surgery on her shoulder. Pray for complete recovery.

**Leslie Douglass** - will have a pancreas procedure at UCSF on 2/10. Pray for complete healing.

**If you would like to minister to a shut-in with a regular visit, or if you'd like us to visit your loved ones in the hospital please contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org**

**A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.**

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## HELLO FROM THE OTHER SIDE

(A PEEK INTO HEAVEN)

RENÉ SCHLAEPFER | FEBRUARY 6 & 7

"After this I looked, and there before me was **a door standing open in heaven**. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was..." Revelation 4:1,2a

### THE HEAVENLY REALITY ABOUT WORSHIP:

#### 1. WORSHIP

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"...a **throne** in heaven..." Rev. 4:2b

"People who do not center on God through worship live in a vast shopping mall where they go from shop to shop... making endless trips to satisfy first this need and then that appetite, this whim and that fancy..."

- Eugene Peterson

#### 2. WORSHIP

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"...twenty-four elders..." (Rev. 4:4)

"...four living creatures..." (Rev. 4:5)

"...many angels, numbering thousands..." (Rev. 5:11)

"...every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea..." (5:13)

"You purchased for God persons from **every tribe and language and people and nation**. You made them to be a **kingdom** and **priests** to serve our God, and they will reign..." Rev. 5:9,10

### 3. WORSHIP

"I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside." Rev. 5:4

"Scroll": Scripture; Its meaning sealed under centuries of argument and unbelief (see Isaiah 29:11-12; Luke 4:16-21; Acts 8:30-31)

"Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered. He is able to open the scroll..." Rev. 5:5

"Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain... He went and took the scroll." Rev. 5:7

### 4. WORSHIP

"They **cast their crowns** before the throne..." (Rev. 4:10b)

"Worship: To so fill your heart with the worthiness of God that you respond with a whole-hearted reorientation of your life" – Tim Keller

· TO GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_

"**Holy, holy, holy** is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come..." Rev. 4:8b

· TO GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, **for you created all things**, and by your will **they were created** and **have their being!**" Rev. 4:11

· TO GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_

"Because **you were slain** and with your blood **you purchased** for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation, and **you have made them** to be a kingdom and priests..." Rev. 5:9,10

**THE BIG IDEA:** THERE IS A \_\_\_\_\_, AND GOD IS ON IT.

**THE BIG QUESTION:** IS GOD ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF MY \_\_\_\_\_?

### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." Rev. 4:11 NIV

## DAILY MEDITATIONS

 BRIEF DAILY DEVOTIONS RELATED TO TODAY'S TOPIC

### Monday

Read Rev. 4:1-3. The throne is one of the most frequent images in Revelation. Why is it important for the original readers, first-century Christians undergoing persecution, to see God on the throne? Why is it important for believers today? *Thank God He is on the throne still!*

### Tuesday

Read Rev. 4:6-8. The creatures praise God for being "holy, holy, holy". Among other things, this means God is completely other. God is different, alien, far above our comprehension. How do people try to make God seem smaller and tamer? Why do you think we do this? How does thinking about the *otherness* of God inspire greater faith? *Thank God that He is holy, holy, holy!*

### Wednesday

Read Rev. 4:6-8 and Isaiah 6:1-7. Both Isaiah and John have similar visions of heaven. How do they respond similarly? (Compare Isaiah 6:5 with Rev. 5:3,4) Why do you suppose such a vision of God's holiness produced a sense of unworthiness? How does God respond to Isaiah and John? (Compare Isaiah 6:6,7 and Rev. 5:5) What does this tell you about God's mercy? *Thank God today for His mercy to you!*

### Thursday

Read Rev. 4:9-11. This is a song praising God for His creative activity. Three times it points out that God is creative! Today, make a point of noticing God's creative work around you, and thank him specifically for creating things you see—and as the singers in Revelation do, thank Him for creating you!

### Friday

Read Rev. 5:9-10. This third song is about what Jesus has done for us. What are the three things the singers praise him for? *Today, thank the Lord for the same three things, which are true of you if you have received His mercy!*

### Saturday

Today read back over Revelation 4. What impresses you most about this chapter? Please pray for the weekend services, that God will be glorified. Thank you!

#### RESOURCES CITED IN SERMON

J. Scott Duvall, Revelation  
John Ortberg, Revelation Bible Studies (Willow Creek Church)  
Eugene Peterson, Reversed Thunder: The Revelation of John  
Michael Wilcox, The Message of Revelation  
Mark Wilson, Victory Through the Lamb

#### FOR FURTHER STUDY

Intrigued by Revelation? Join Pastor Paul Spurlock during this series for his in-depth Revelation study on Wednesday nights at 6:30 in Monschke Hall here at TLC!