

Refiner's Fire

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There burns a fire with sacred heat,
white hot with holy flame,
and all who dare pass through its blaze
will not emerge the same;
some as bronze and some as silver,
some as gold; then with great skill
all are hammered by their sufferings
on the anvil of God's will.

The refiner's fire has now become my sole desire;
purged and cleansed and purified,
that the Lord be glorified.
He is consuming my soul, refining me, making me whole.
No matter what I may lose,
I choose the refiner's fire.

I'm learning now to trust His touch,
to crave the fire's embrace,
for though my past with sin was etched,
His mercies did erase.
Each time His purging cleanses deeper,
I'm not sure that I'll survive,
yet the strength in growing weaker
keeps my hungry soul alive.

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Welcome



Salem Hellers

Lancaster, Pennsylvania—Founded 1725

Disputable Matters—Part 2 I Corinthians 8

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For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Galatians 5:13-14

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

We Gather to Glorify God

Prelude

***Call to Worship** Romans 12:1-3, 9-10

Leader: I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

People: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Leader: For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

People: Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

All: Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

***Opening Hymn** *Oh, How Good It Is* (#332)

*Opening Prayer

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

We Gather to Grow in the Spirit

***Prayer of Submission** “Choices” from *The Valley of Vision*
(please see bulletin insert)

Musical Offering *Refiner’s Fire* - George Cooper

Pastoral Prayer

The Message Disputable Matters—Part 2
I Corinthians 8:1-13 - Pastor Doug Winne

Hymn of Preparation *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us* (#80)

We Gather at the Lord’s Table

Communion Meditation and Invitation

Service of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We celebrate an open communion. All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to the Lord’s Table. White grape juice is in the inner ring of the tray and red wine is in the outer ring.

We Go Into the World with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

***Hymn of Devotion** *Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross* (#273)

*Benediction

*Postlude

Worship Leader—Mark Steller

Director of Music—Carolyn McLain | Organist—David Andrews

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Sunday School 10:45 AM—All Welcome!

Upstairs	Age 3—7	Pleasing God
Upstairs	Age 8—12	God’s Servants
Upstairs	Age 13—18	Digging Deeper (Westminster Catechism)
Berean Room	Adults	Sermon Discussion
Library	Adults	Book Study on 1 Peter