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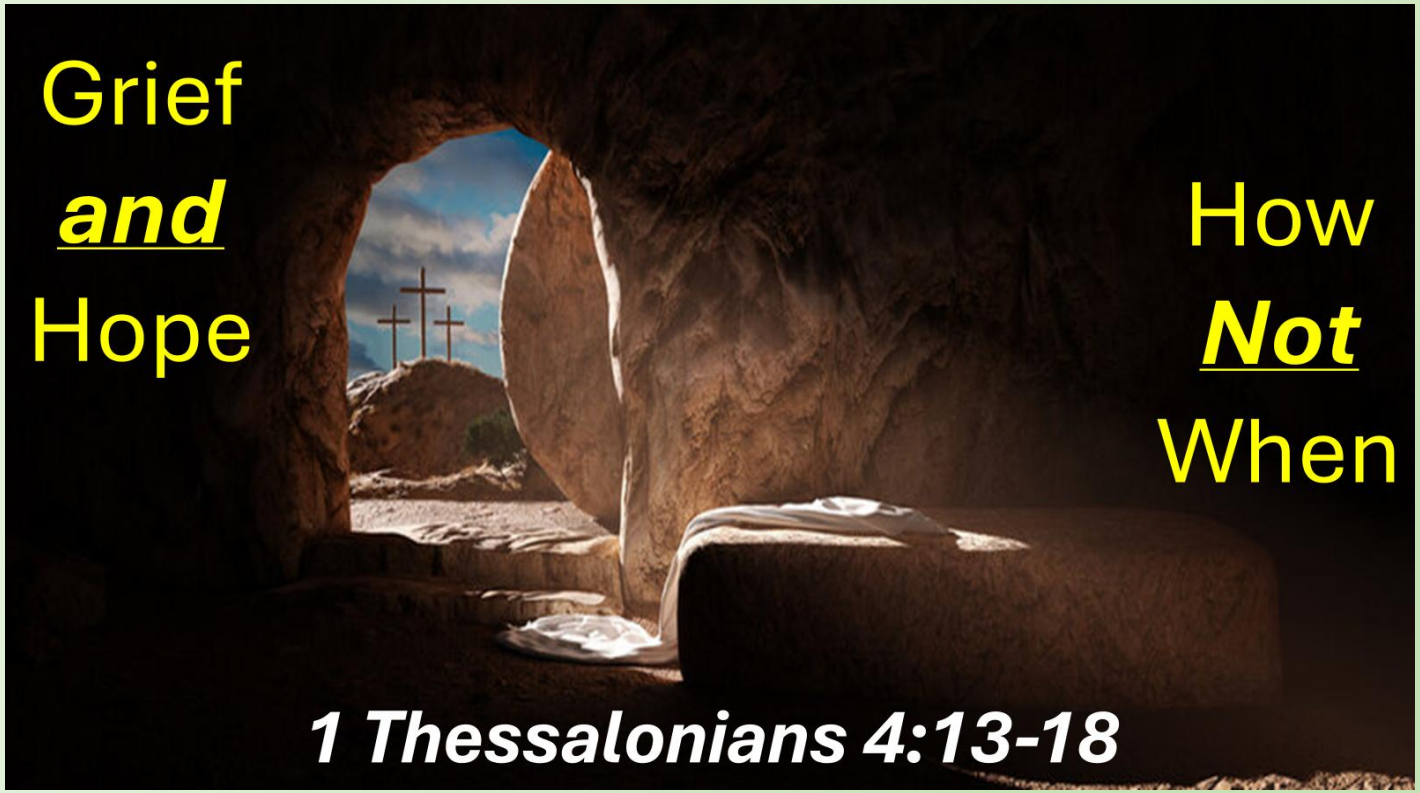

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Holy Communion

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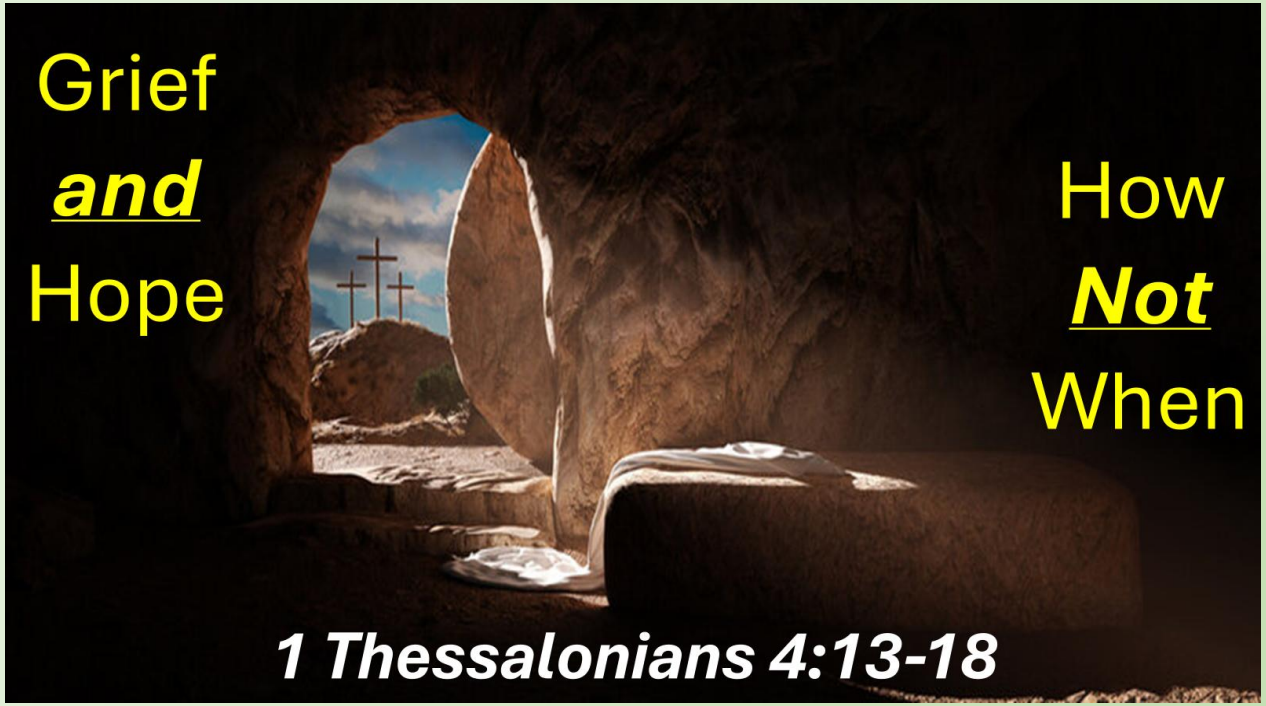

"Yes I Will"

Sound Offering

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NOVEMBER 7/8
TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson,
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Preaching and Presiding

Vicar Libby Florian,
Assisting Minister / Liturgist

S.A.F.E. Center Donations for November:

- *Body Wash*
- *Body Lotion*

Please set items on the sharing shelf in the narthex.

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New CHURCH DIRECTORY

Photos will be taken before and after all services now through November 15th outside Centennial Hall.

You can submit your own photo if it's LESS than a year old by 11/30/26.
Email or text your photo to Jen at : JPuls@Region3.net or 308-627-5519

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Rick

"From the Old Testament to the New Testament"

- **November 8, 15 & 29**
- **9:50am - 10:50am**
- **Centennial Hall**

All sessions will be recorded and uploaded to our website.

We will offer our pledges at all services November 14th and 15th.

LAST FALL MEETING DATES

- **Sunday, November 15**
  - Last session for Sunday School
- **Wednesday, November 18**
  - Last session for F.R.O.G., Confirmation, Feeding the Flock

Resuming in January 2027

Save the Date
Advent Fair

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026
9:30am-11:00am
in Centennial Hall

Join us for this annual event where we enjoy various crafts, a hot cocoa bar, cookie decorating, and mission outreach!

Begin the season of hope and preparation for Jesus' birth

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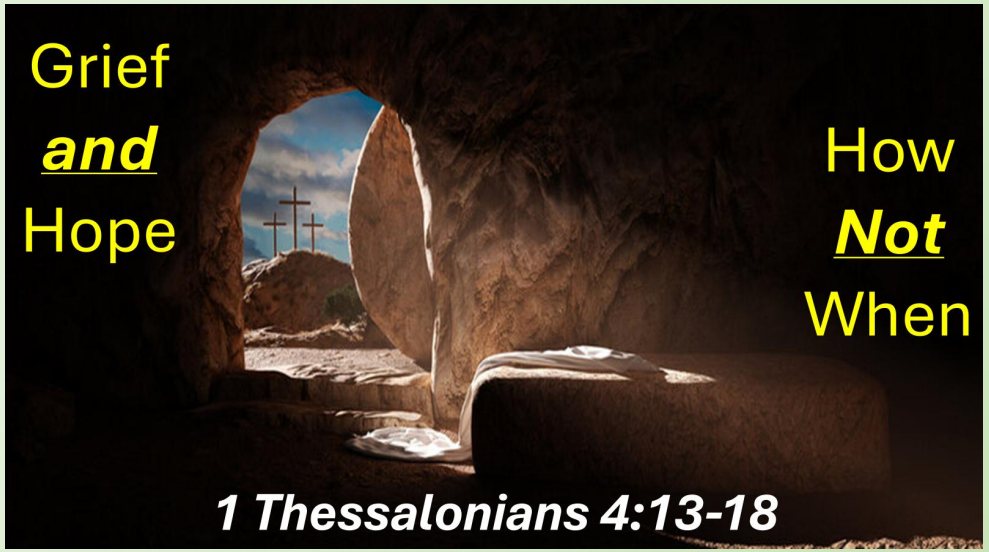
Greeting / Peace

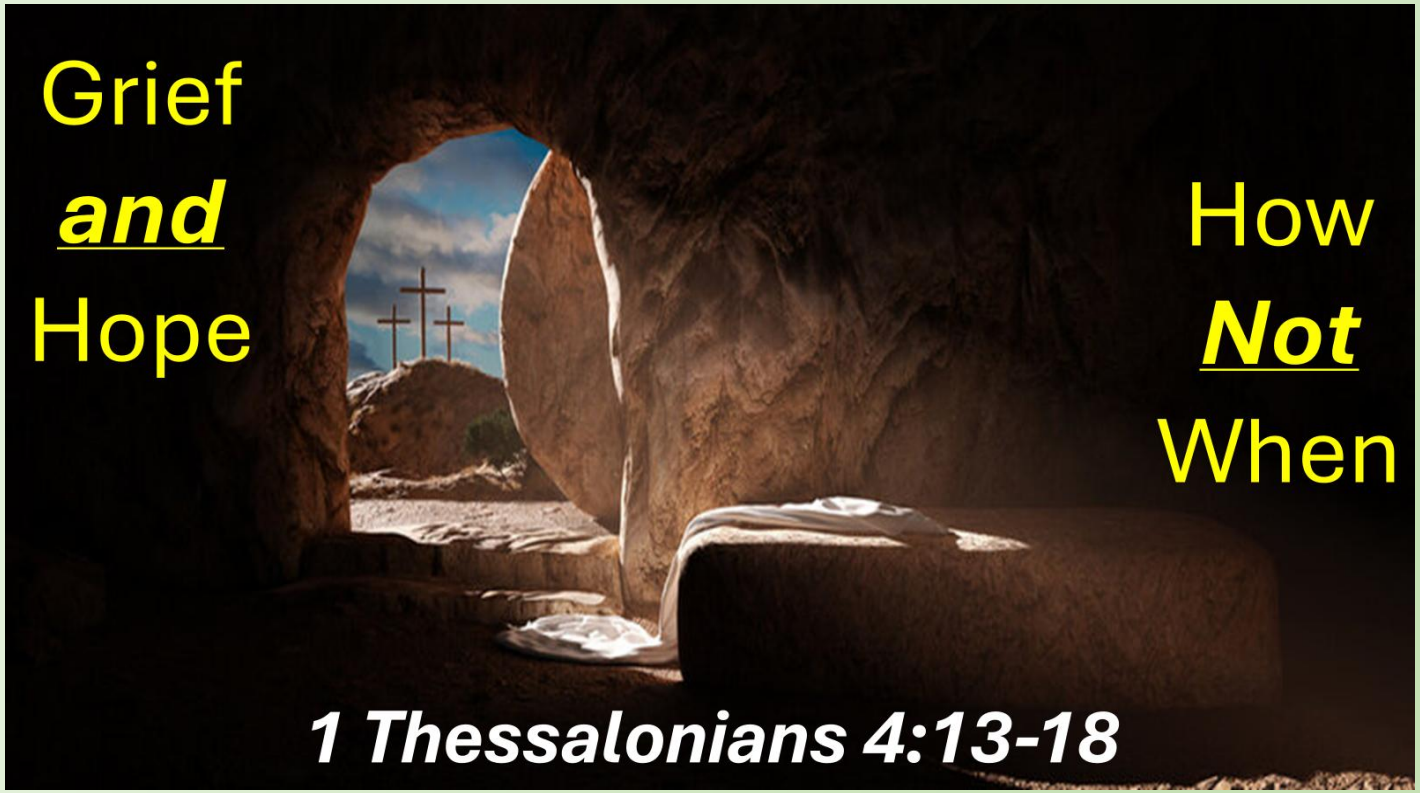


GREETING ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord using words such as

“Peace be with you.”

Gathering Song



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And ev’ry chain will break
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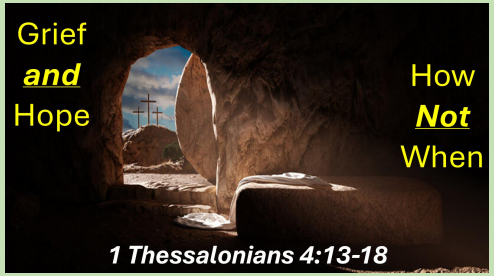

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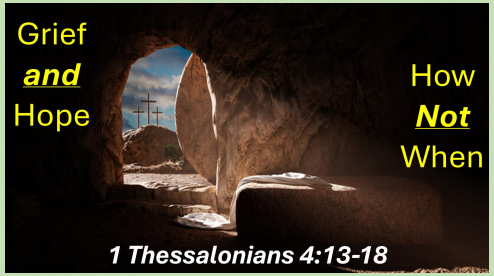

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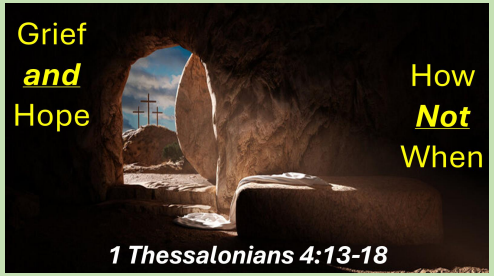

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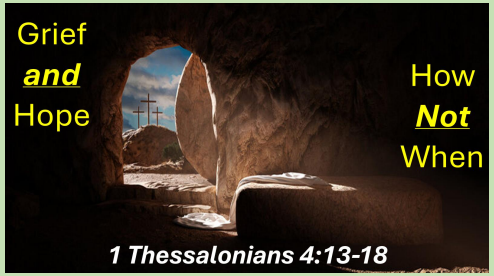

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So open up the gates,
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Our God who calls the saved
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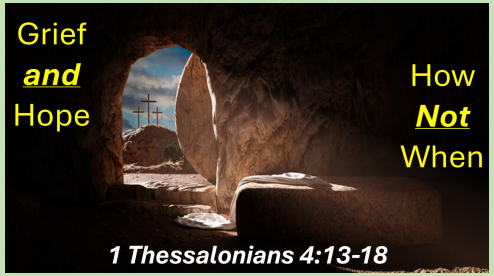

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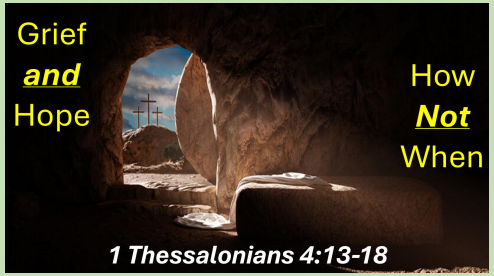

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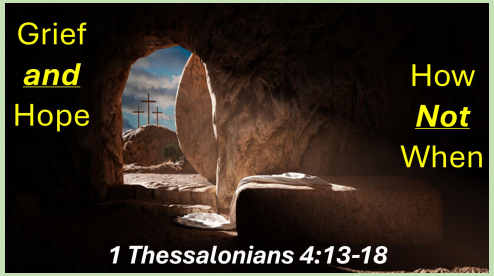

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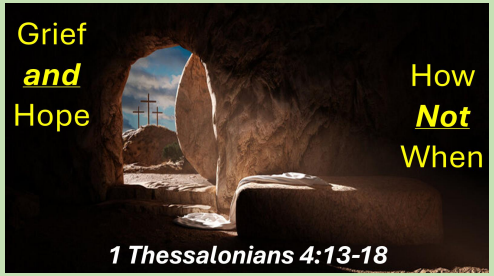

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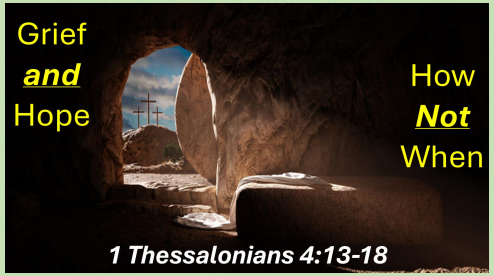

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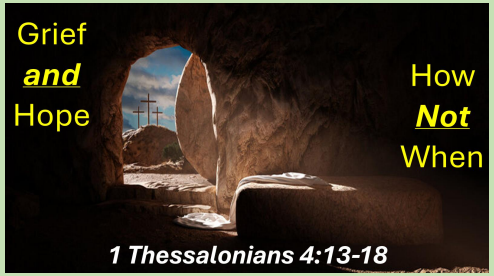

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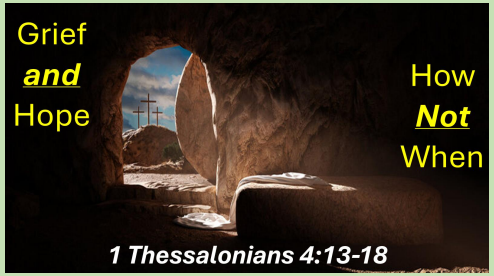

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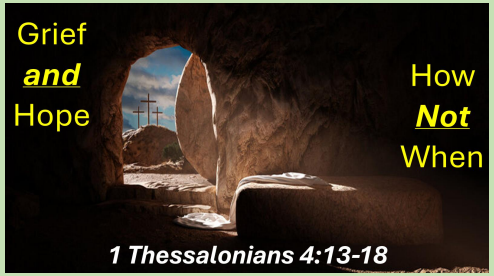

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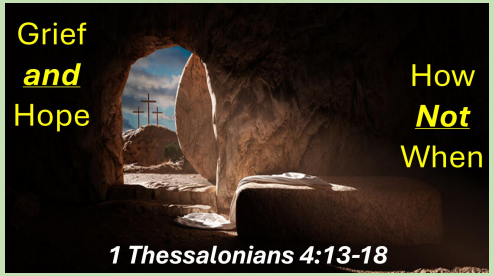

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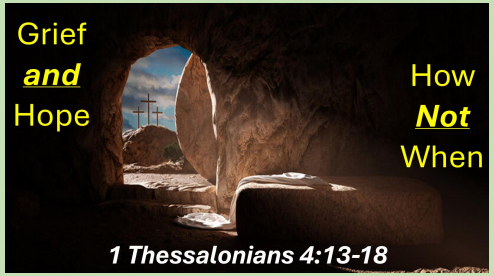

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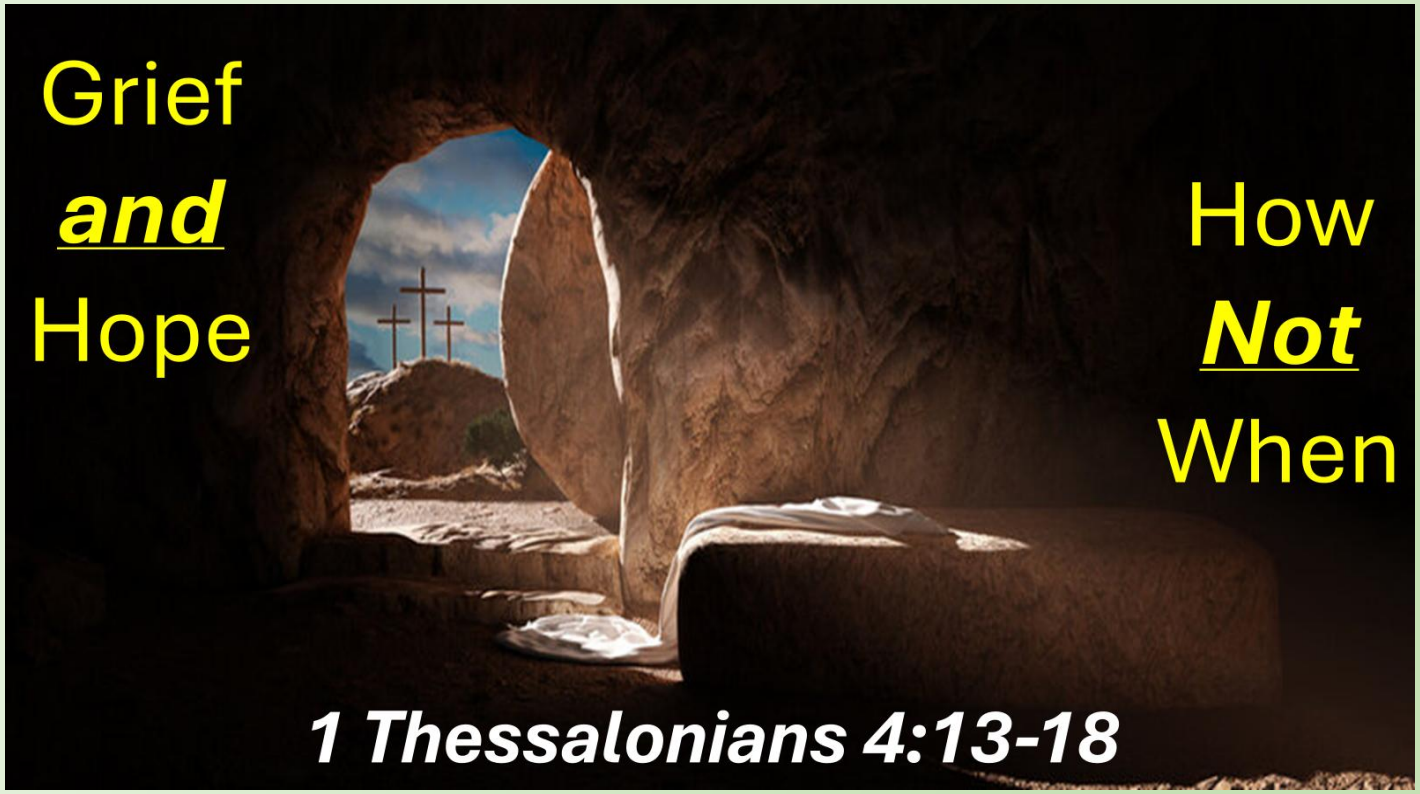

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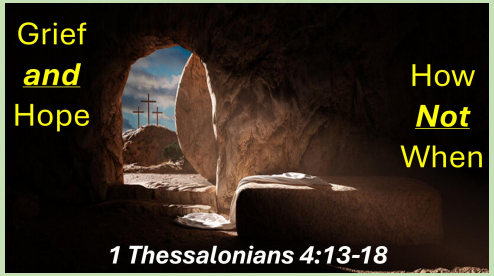
Write scripture on your heart for
when you need it
Cause anxiety hates Psalm 23



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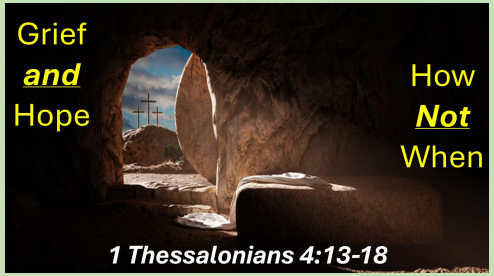
So just say it to yourself
’til you believe it
And I’m feeling like
I’m needing it right now..



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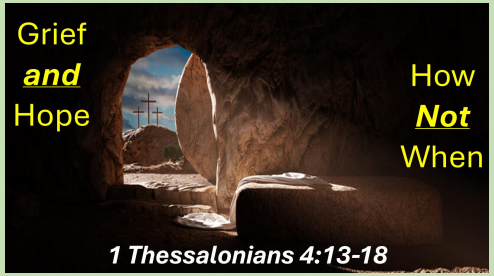

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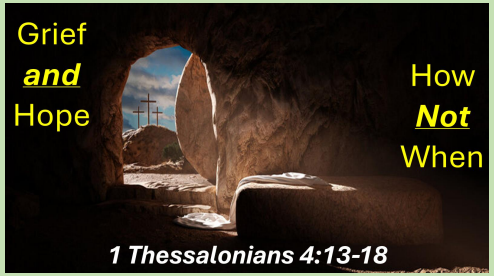

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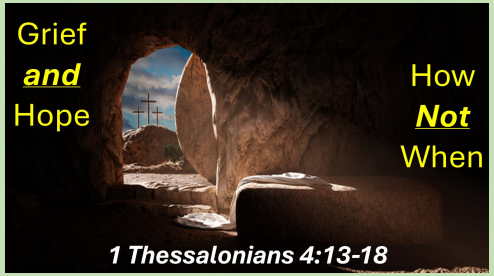

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Turn this broken piece in me
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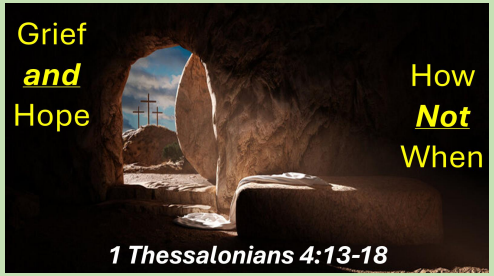

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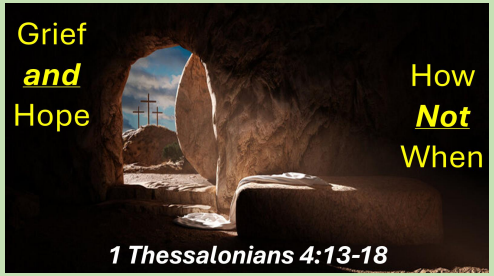

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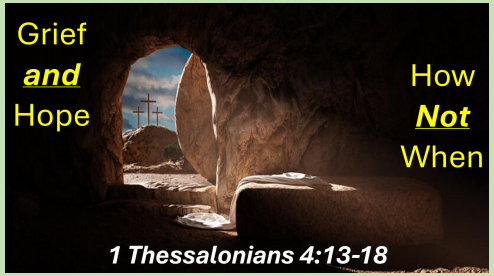

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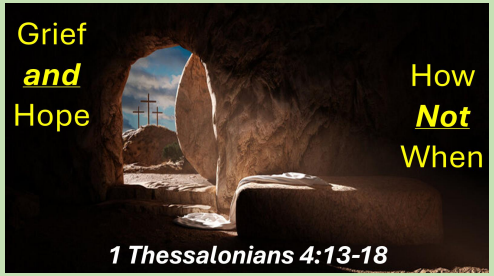

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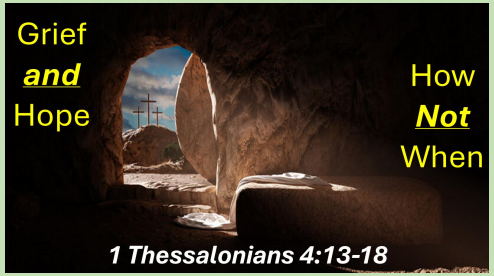

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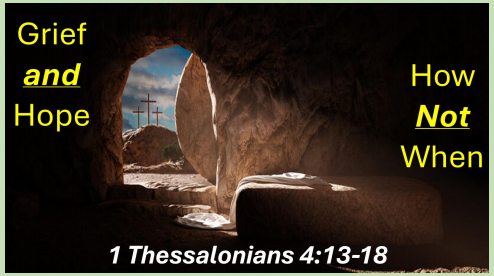

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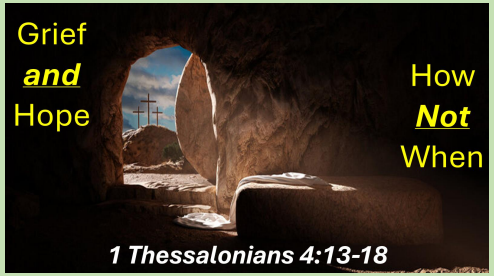

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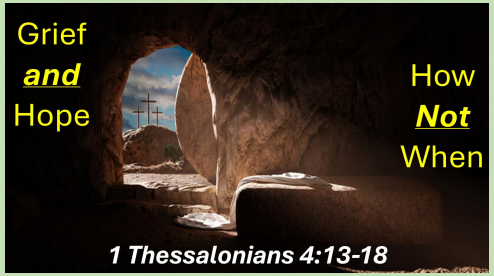

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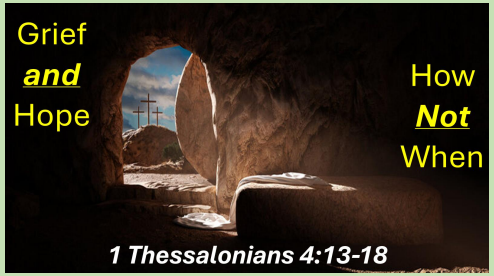
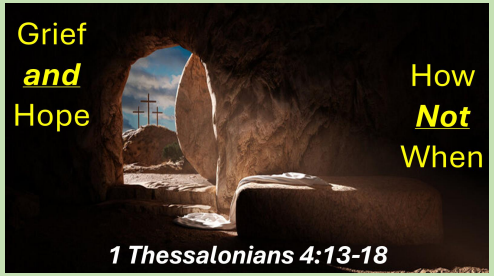


Greeting

Liturgist: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.



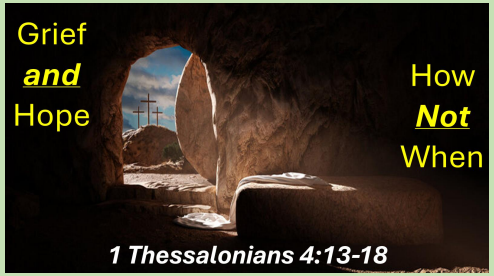
Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated



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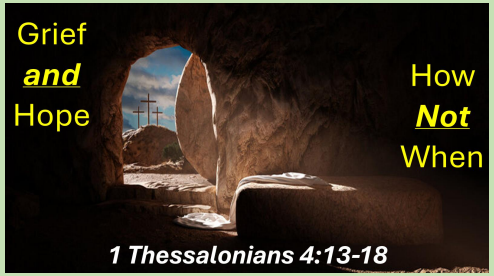

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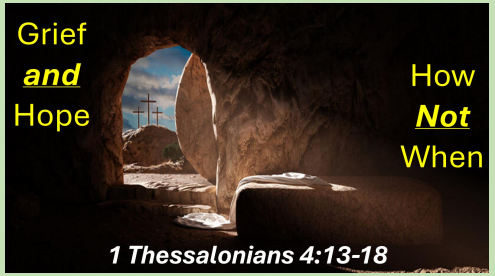
L: Brothers and sisters, we don't want you to be ignorant concerning those who are now asleep in order that you would not grieve as the rest also grieve who don't have hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and arose, so also we believe that God will bring through Jesus those who passed away.



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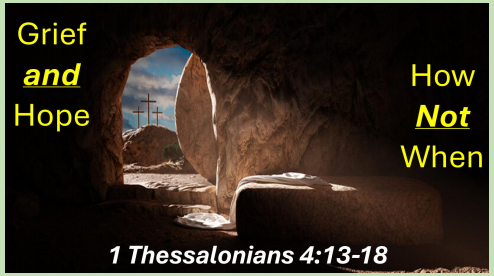
For we tell you this by a word of the Lord that we ourselves who are living, who are remaining until the Lord's coming, will definitely not proceed those who are asleep. Because the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a shouted command, with an archangel's voice,



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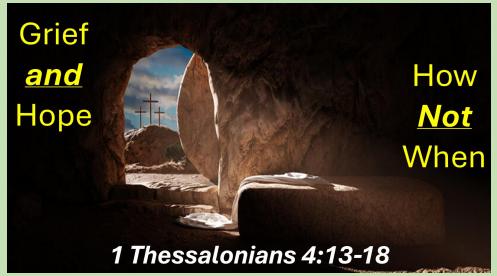
with a trumpet blast, and the dead in Christ will be raised first; then we ourselves who are remaining at the same time will be snatched up along with them in clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And in this way we will always be with the Lord. So comfort each other with these words.

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; NRCV]



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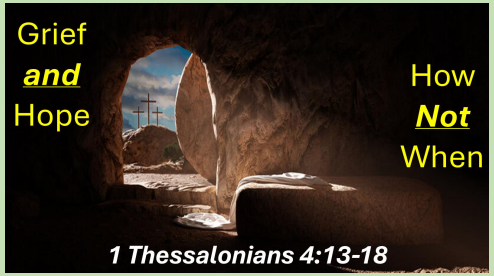
L: Word of God. Word of Life.

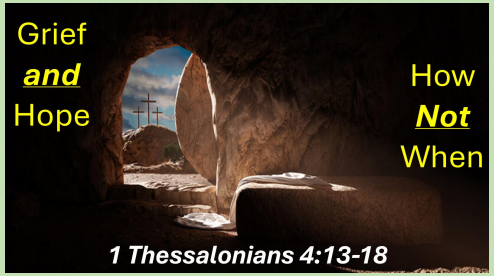
C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

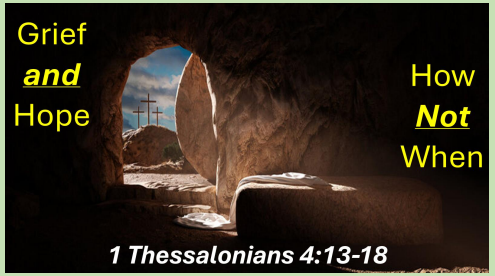
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.



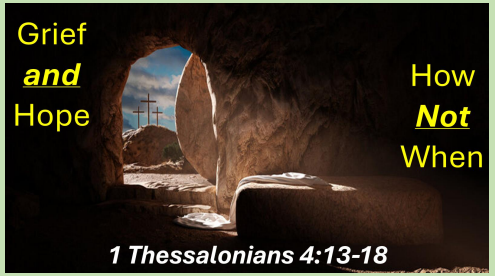
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 “Then
the kingdom of heaven will be like this.
Ten young women took their lamps and
went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of
them were foolish, and five were wise.
3 When the foolish took their lamps, they
took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took
flasks of oil with their lamps.



Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of
them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at
midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here
is the bridegroom! Come out to meet
him.’ 7 Then all those young women got
up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish
said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your
oil, for our lamps are going out.’



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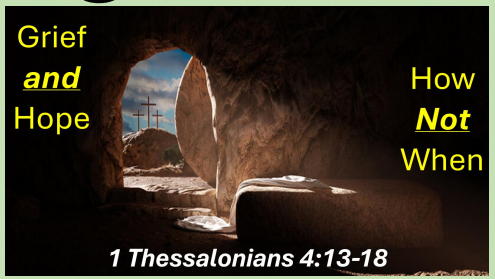
9 But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not
be enough for you and for us; you had
better go to the dealers and buy some for
yourselves.’

10 And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were
ready went with him into the wedding
banquet, and the door was shut.



Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

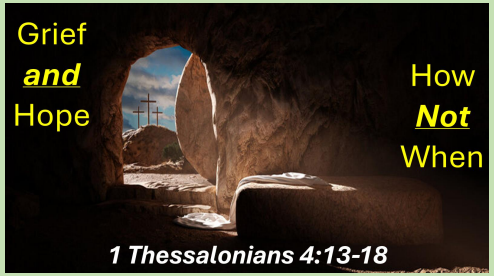
[11] Later the other young women came
also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’
[12] But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not
know you.’ [13] Keep awake, therefore, for
you know neither the day nor the hour.”

(*Matthew 25:1-13)*

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"NOISY" OFFERING

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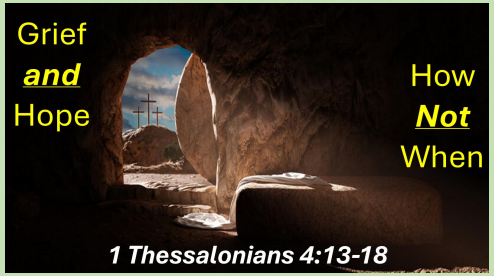

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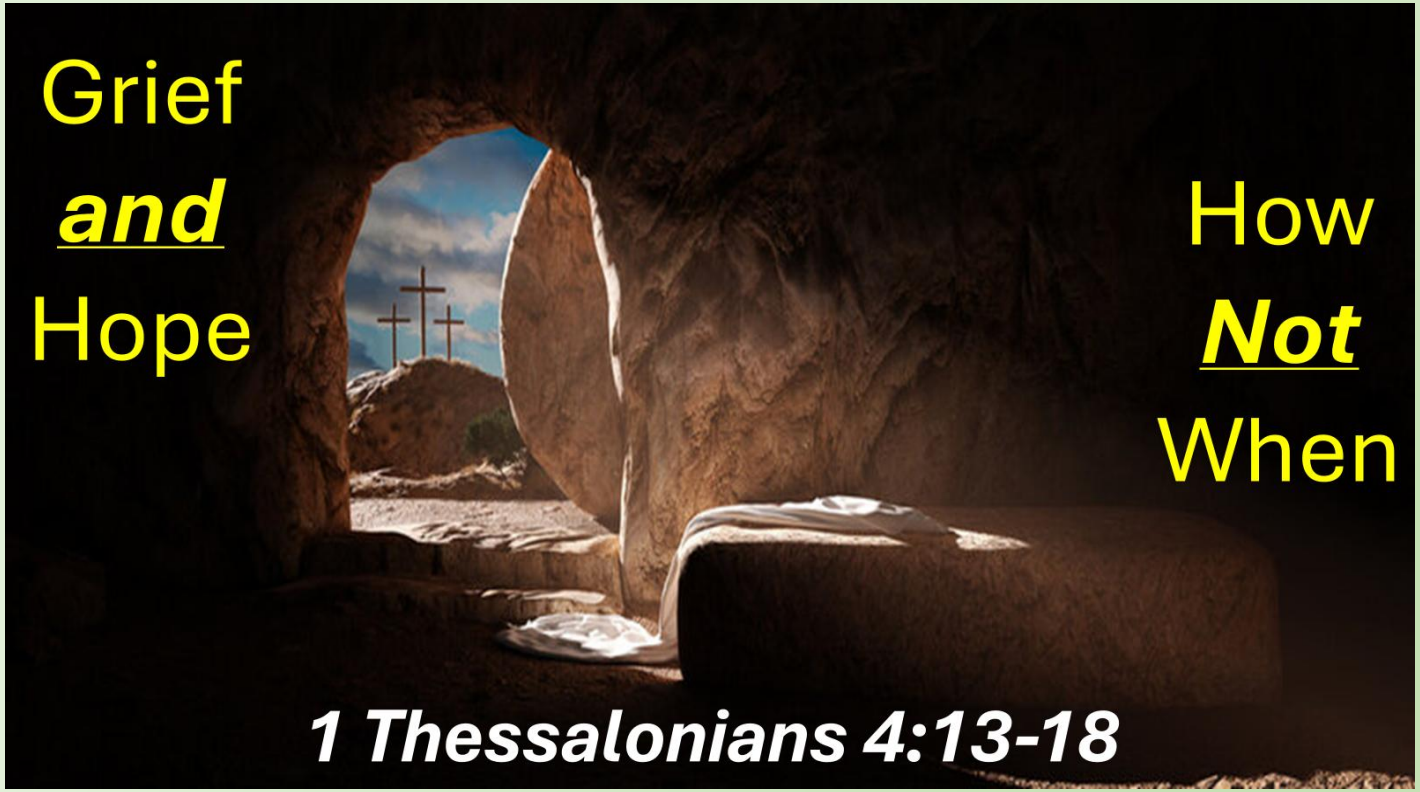

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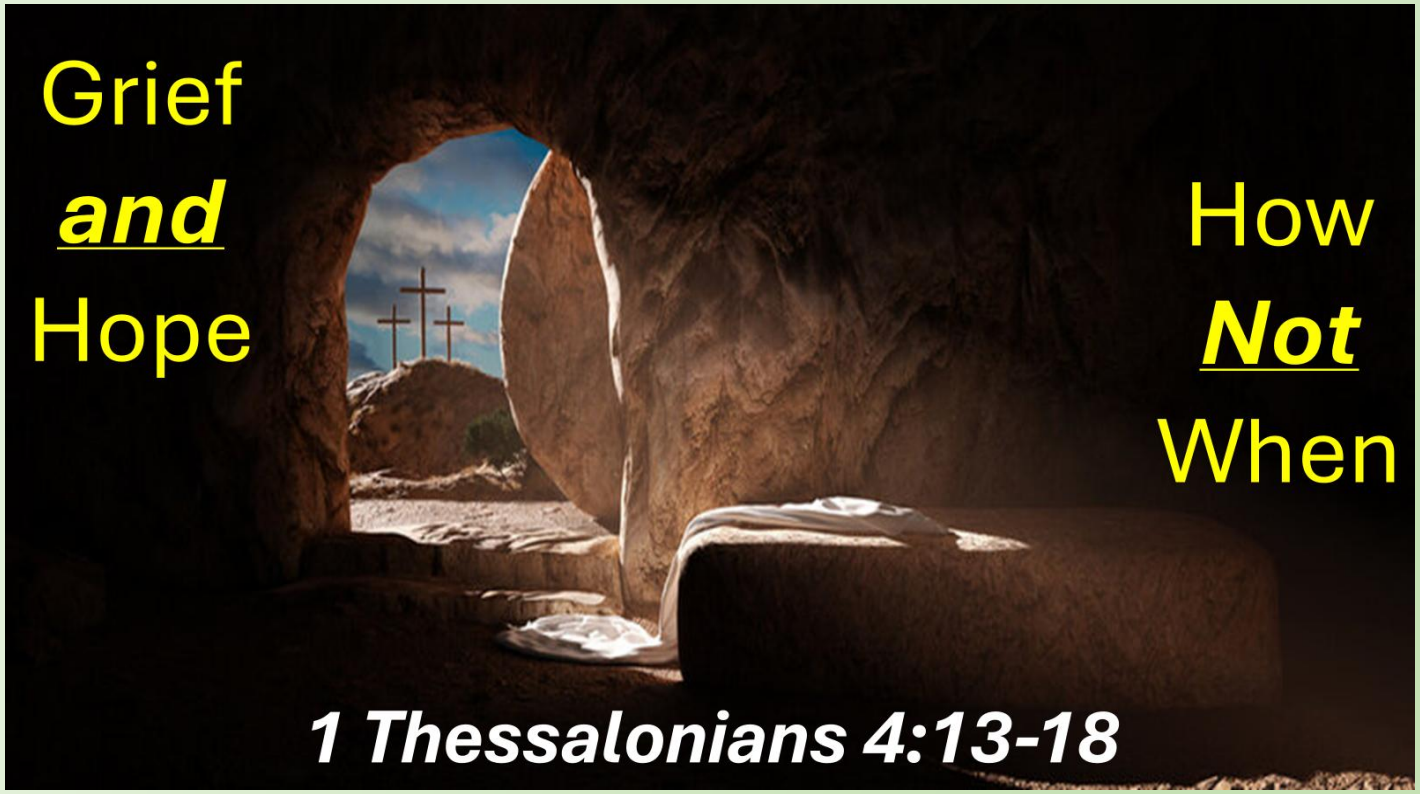

“Beneath the Waters (I Will Rise)”

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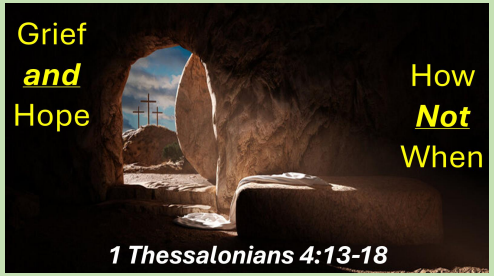
This is my revelation,
Christ Jesus crucified.
Salvation through repentance,
at the cross on which He died.



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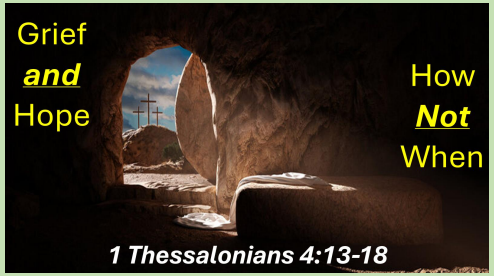
Now here my absolution,
forgiveness for my sin.
And I sink beneath the waters
that Christ was buried in.



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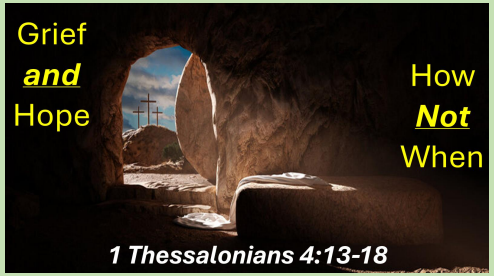
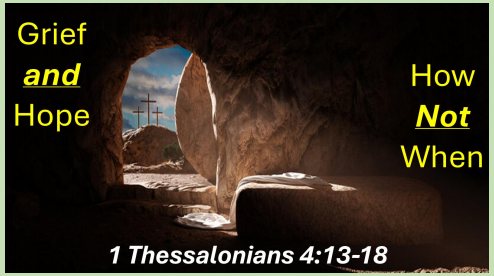


“Beneath the Waters (I Will Rise)”

I stand a new creation,
baptized in blood and fire.
No fear of condemnation.
By faith I’m justified.



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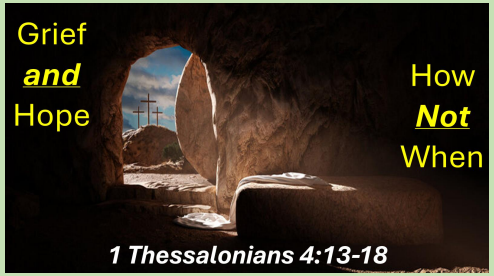

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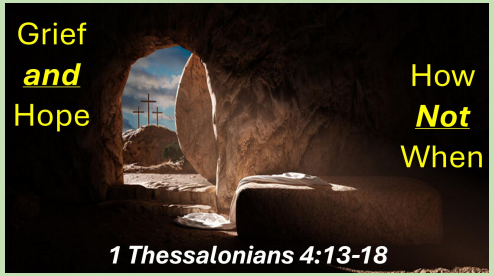

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I rise as You are risen.
Declare Your rule and reign.
My life confess Your Lordship,
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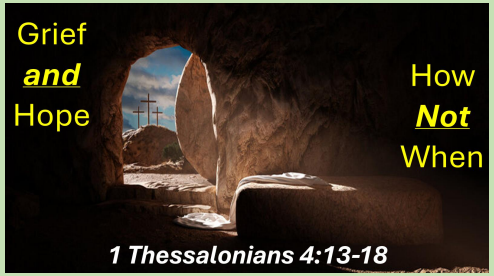
You word, it stands eternal.



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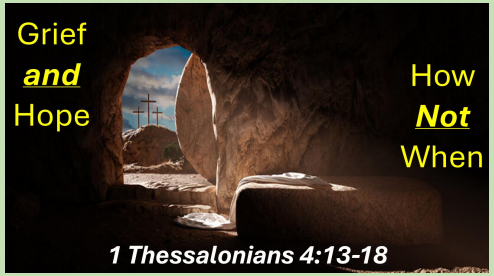
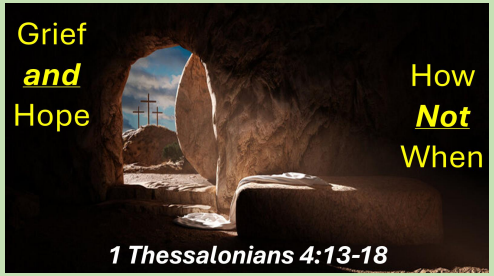
Your kingdom knows no end.
Your praise goes on forever.
And on and on again.



“Beneath the Waters (I Will Rise)”

No pow’r can stand against You.
No curse assault Your throne.
No one can steal Your glory,
for it is Yours alone.



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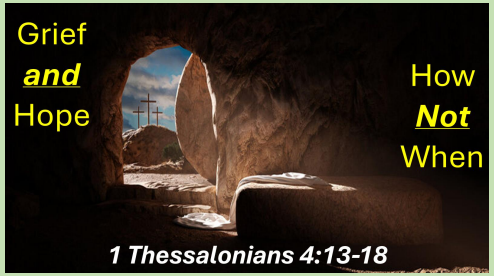
I stand to sing Your praises.
I stand to testify,
for I was dead in my sin,
but now I rise.



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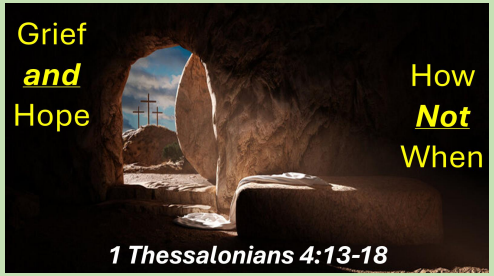

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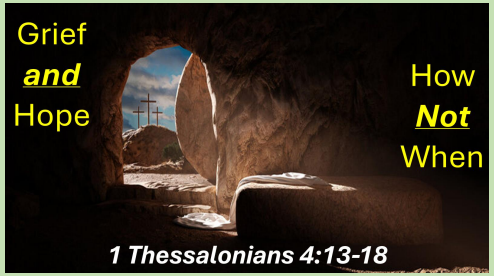

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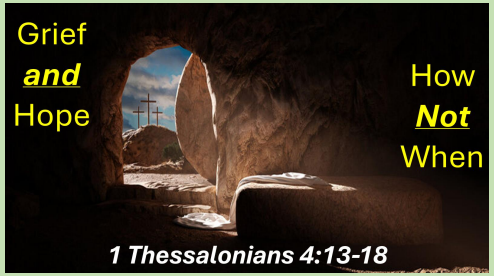
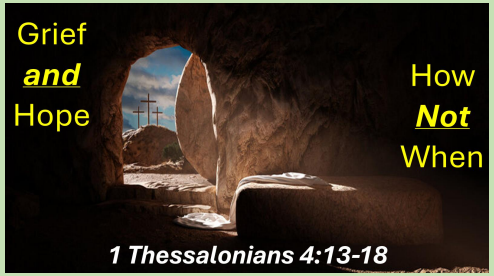


Creed

AM: Let us profess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord and Savior. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

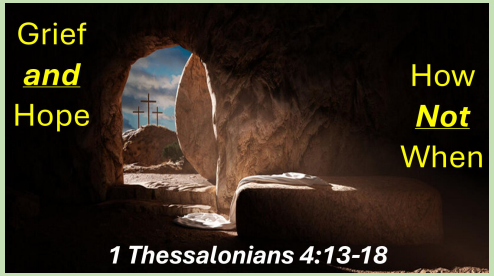
Amen.



Prayers of Intercession

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence for reflection.



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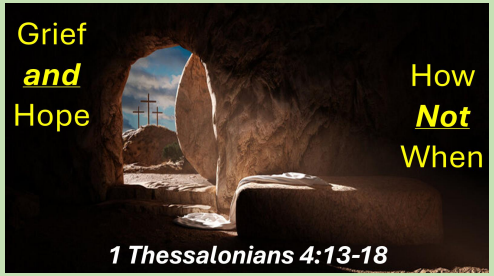
AM: You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us.



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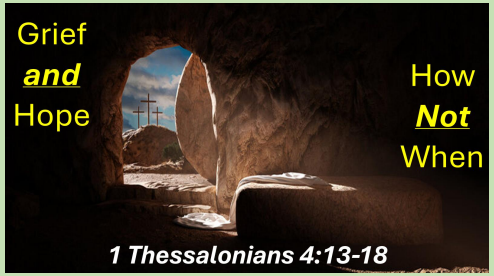
AM: You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home.



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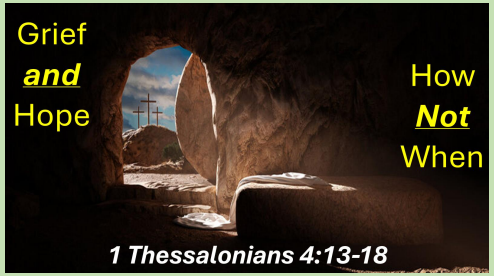
AM: You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict Uphold veterans and those who care for them.



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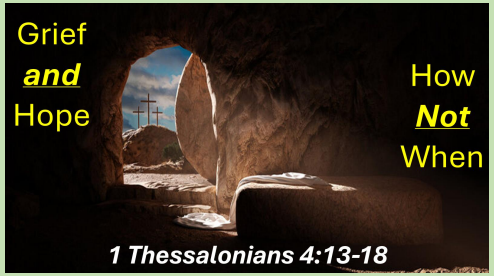
AM: You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness.



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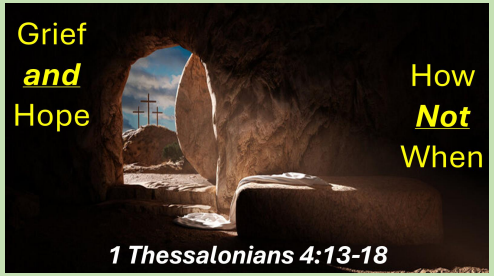
AM: You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. We pray especially for:



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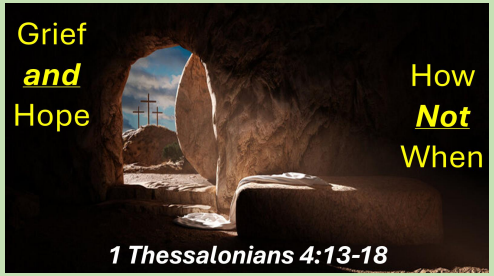

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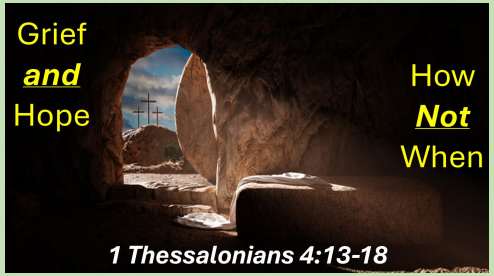

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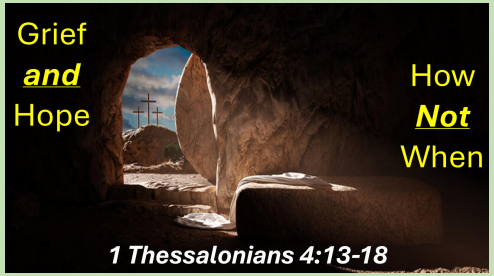
AM: You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life.



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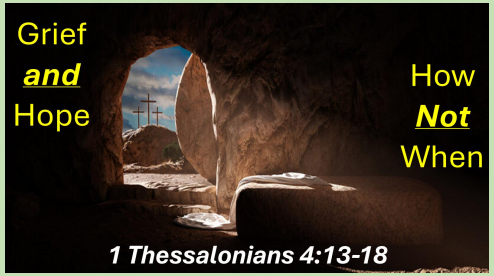
Liturgist: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: Amen.



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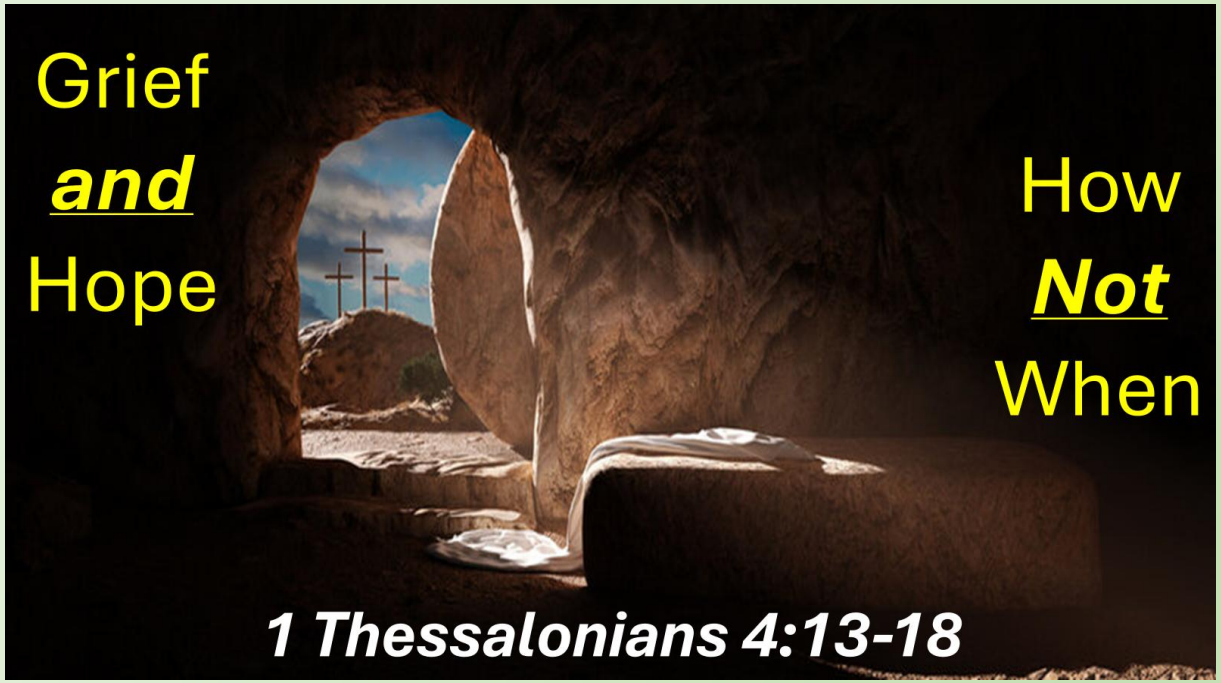

"Give Thanks"

Sound Offering

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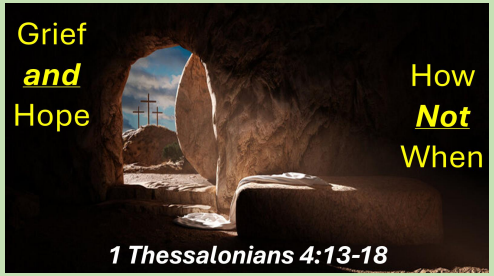
Offertory Prayer

AM: Let us pray.

Eternal God,

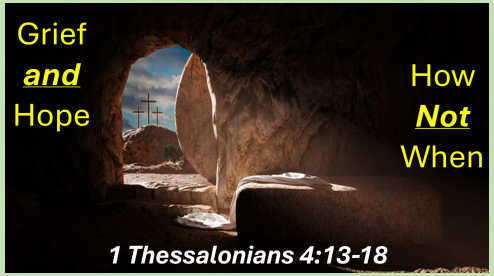
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.



Offertory Prayer

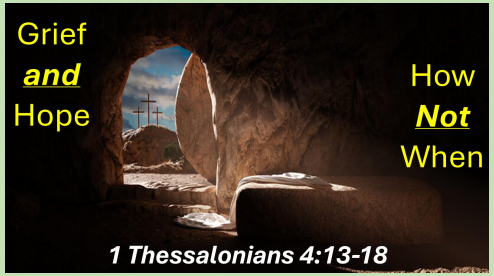
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



Confession and Forgiveness

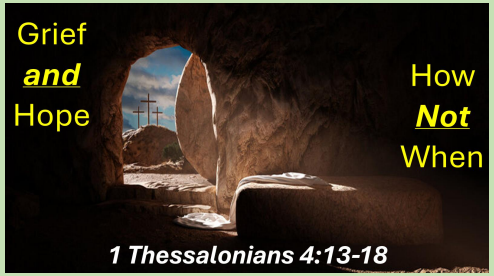
P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
C: Amen.



Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.



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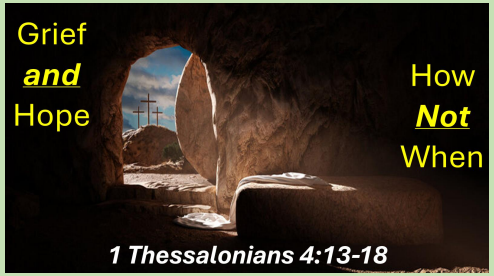
P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation.

We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear,



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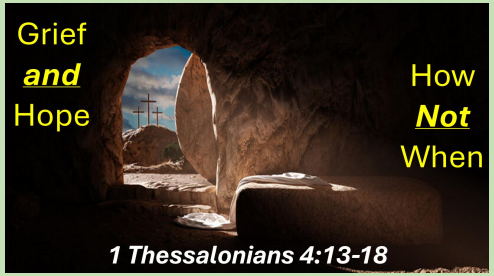
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.



Confession and Forgiveness

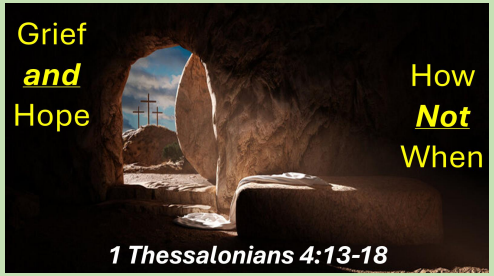
P: Inherit the riches of God's grace.

☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.

You are forgiven.

Blessed are you.

C: Amen.

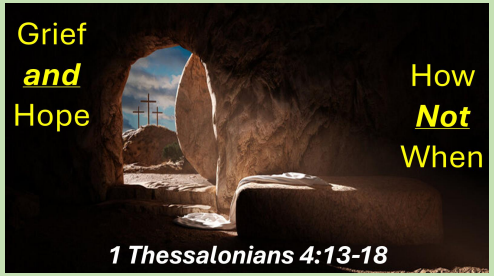


The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

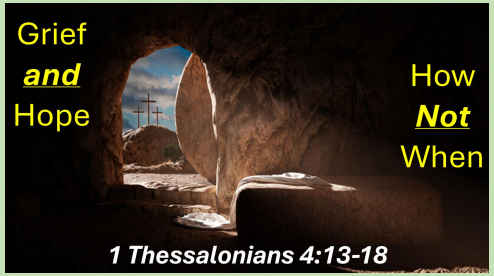
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



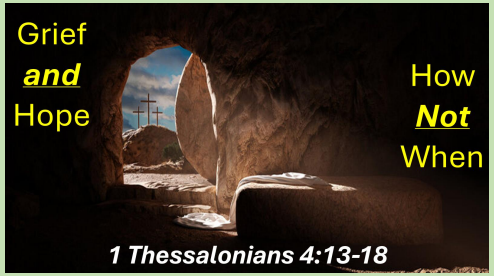
Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.



Words of Institution

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant in
my blood, shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.



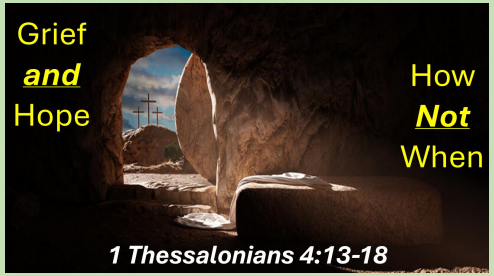
Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

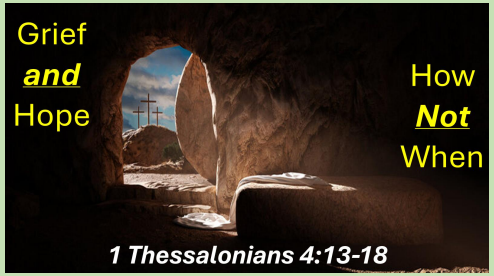
Christ will come again.



The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

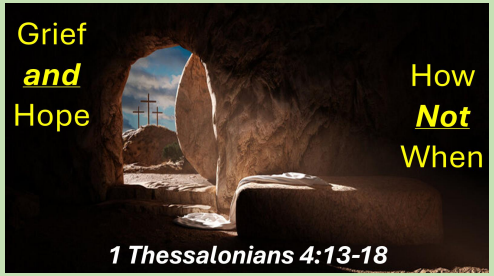
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.



The Lord's Prayer

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

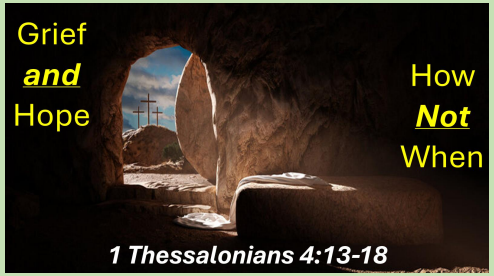


Invitation to Communion

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.

Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Please be seated.



Communion

We practice open communion at First Lutheran.
All are welcome to receive the elements.
Gluten-free wafers are available. In addition to the cups filled with wine (red) in the tray, there are cups containing grape juice (clear) in the center.

Communion Music

"The Commission"

Sound Offering

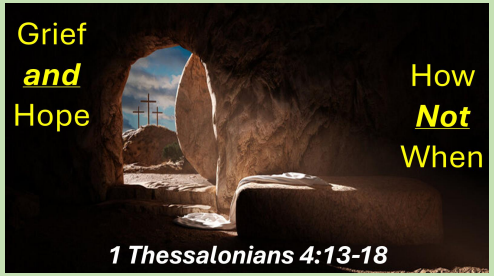
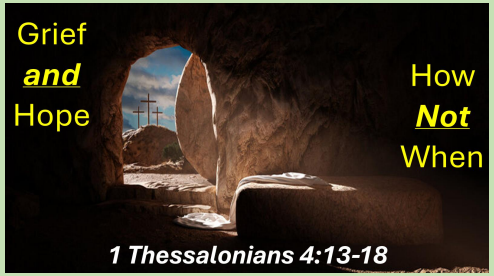


Table Grace

Please stand as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.



Prayer after Communion

AM: Let us pray.

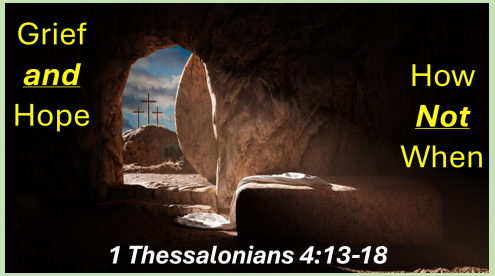
Holy God,

we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.

You continuously seek the lost,

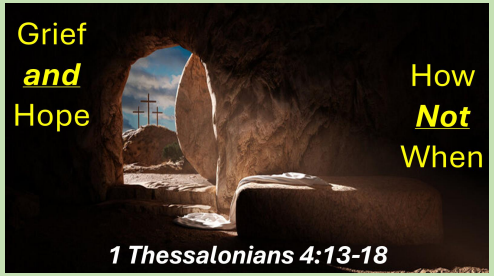
bind the injured,

and feed your people abundantly.



Prayer after Communion

Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
C: Amen



Blessing

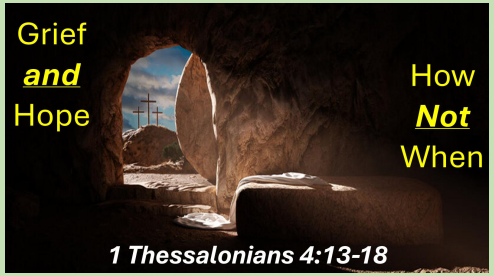
P: The holy Trinity,

Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,

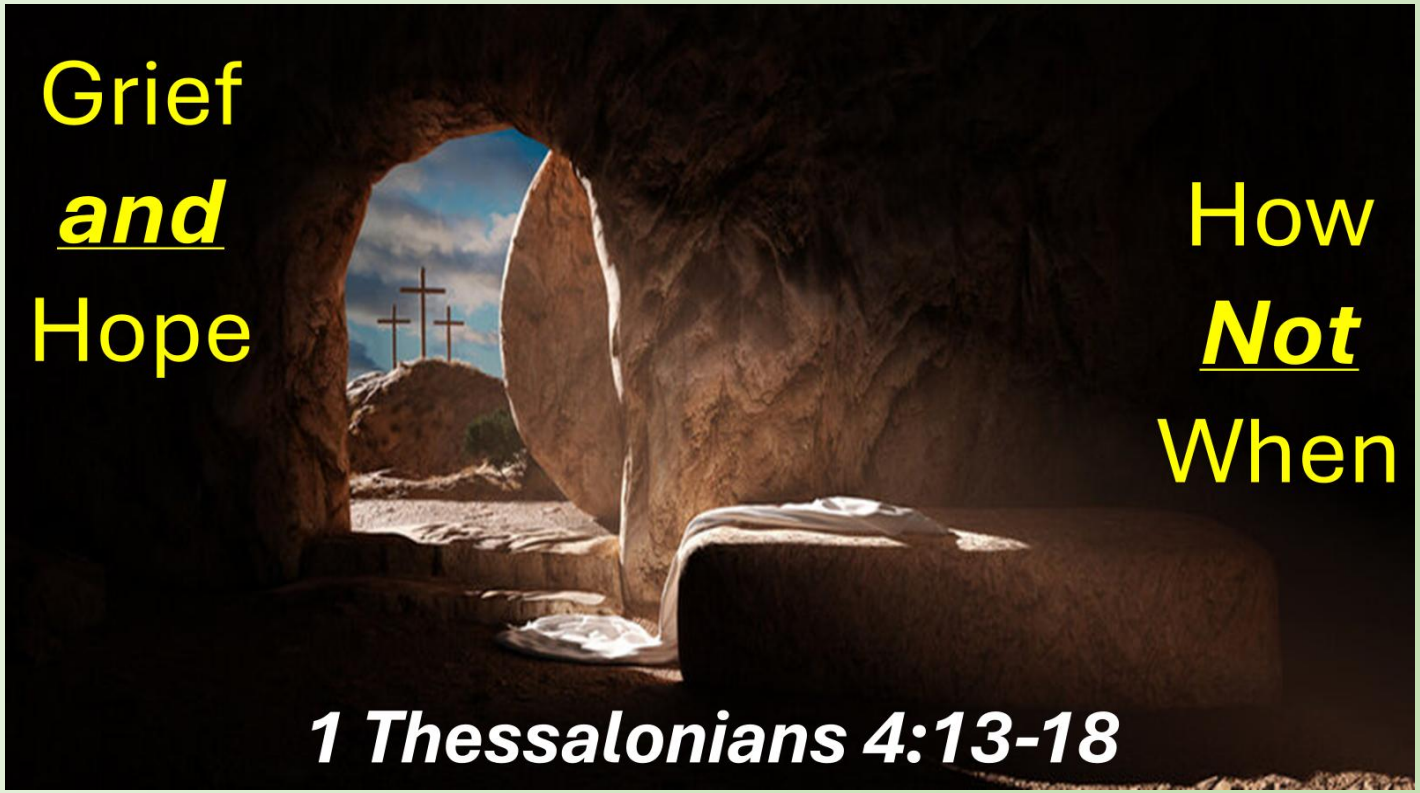
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,

today and always.

C: Amen.



Worship Song



“Overwhelmed”

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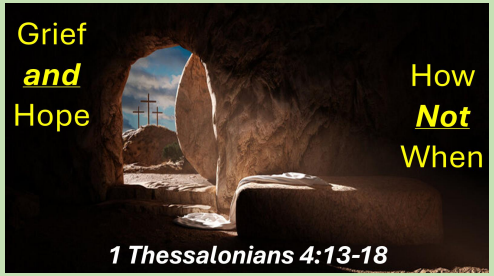
I see the works of Your hands.
Galaxies spin in a heavenly dance.
Oh God, all that You are
is so overwhelming.



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And I hear the sound of Your voice.
All at once, it’s a gentle
and thundering noise.
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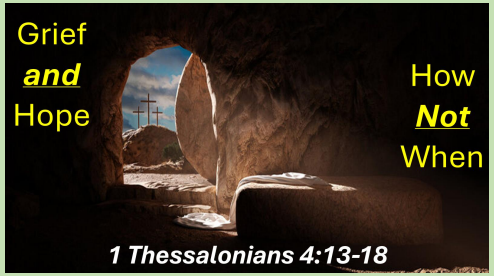

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I delight myself in You.
Captivated by Your beauty.
I’m overwhelmed
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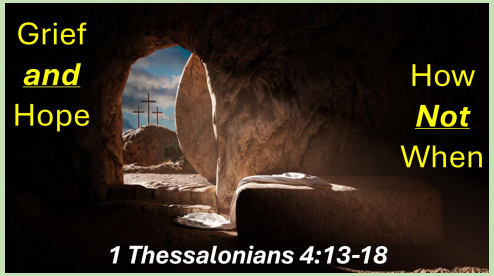

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And God, I run into Your arms,
unashamed because of mercy.
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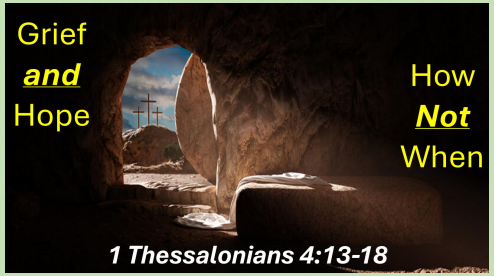

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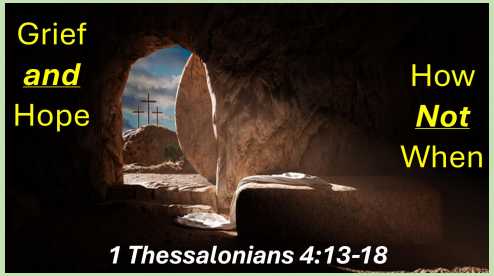
I know the pow’r of Your cross.
Forgiven and free, forever you’ll be.
My God!
And all that You’ve done
is so overwhelming.



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I delight myself in You.
In the glory of Your presence.
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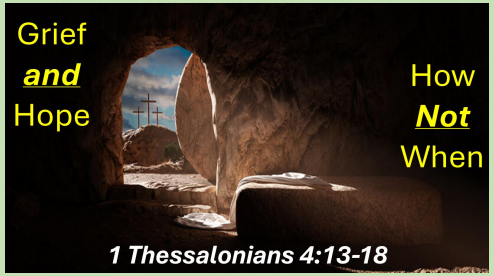

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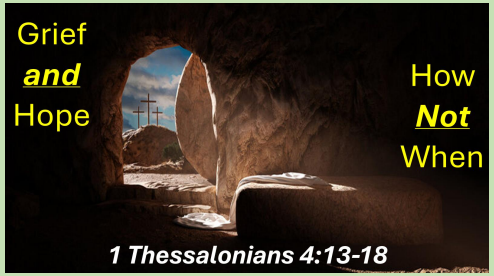

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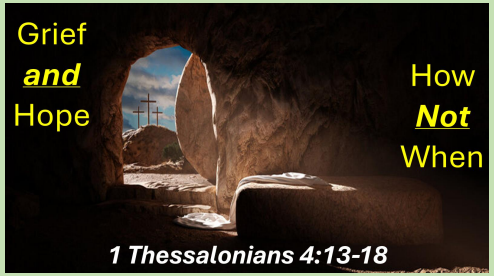
You are beautiful. You are beautiful.
Oh God, there is no one
more beautiful.
You are beautiful.
God you are the most beautiful.



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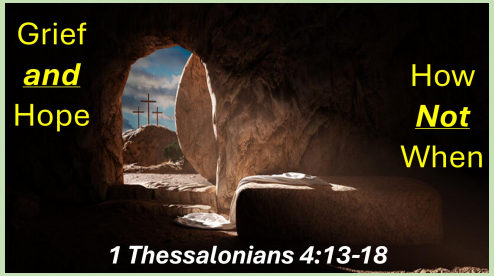
You are wonderful. You are wonderful.
Oh God, there is no one
more wonderful.
You are wonderful.
God, You are the most wonderful.



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Yes, You are glorious, You are glorious.
Oh God, there is
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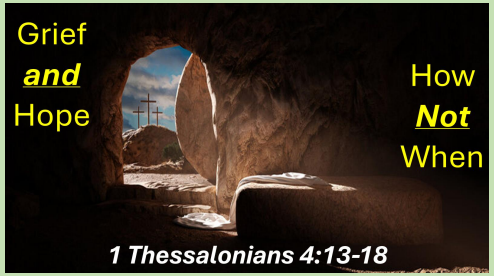

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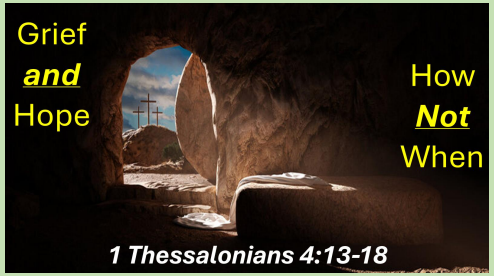

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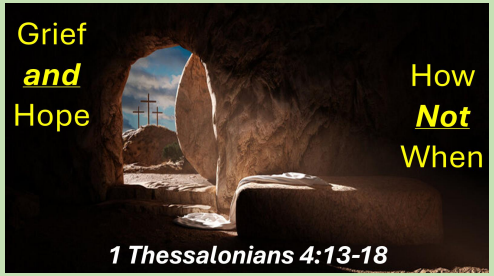

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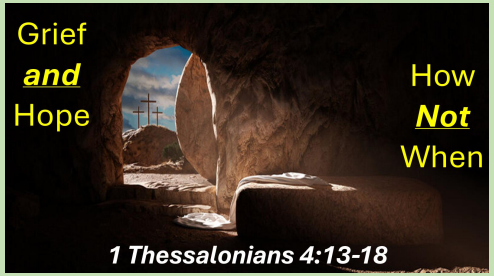
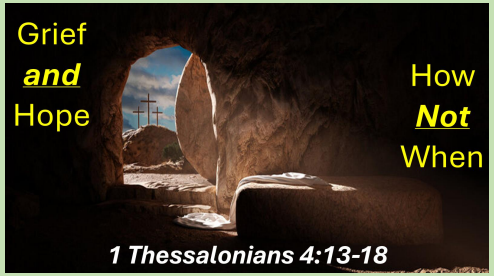


Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God.



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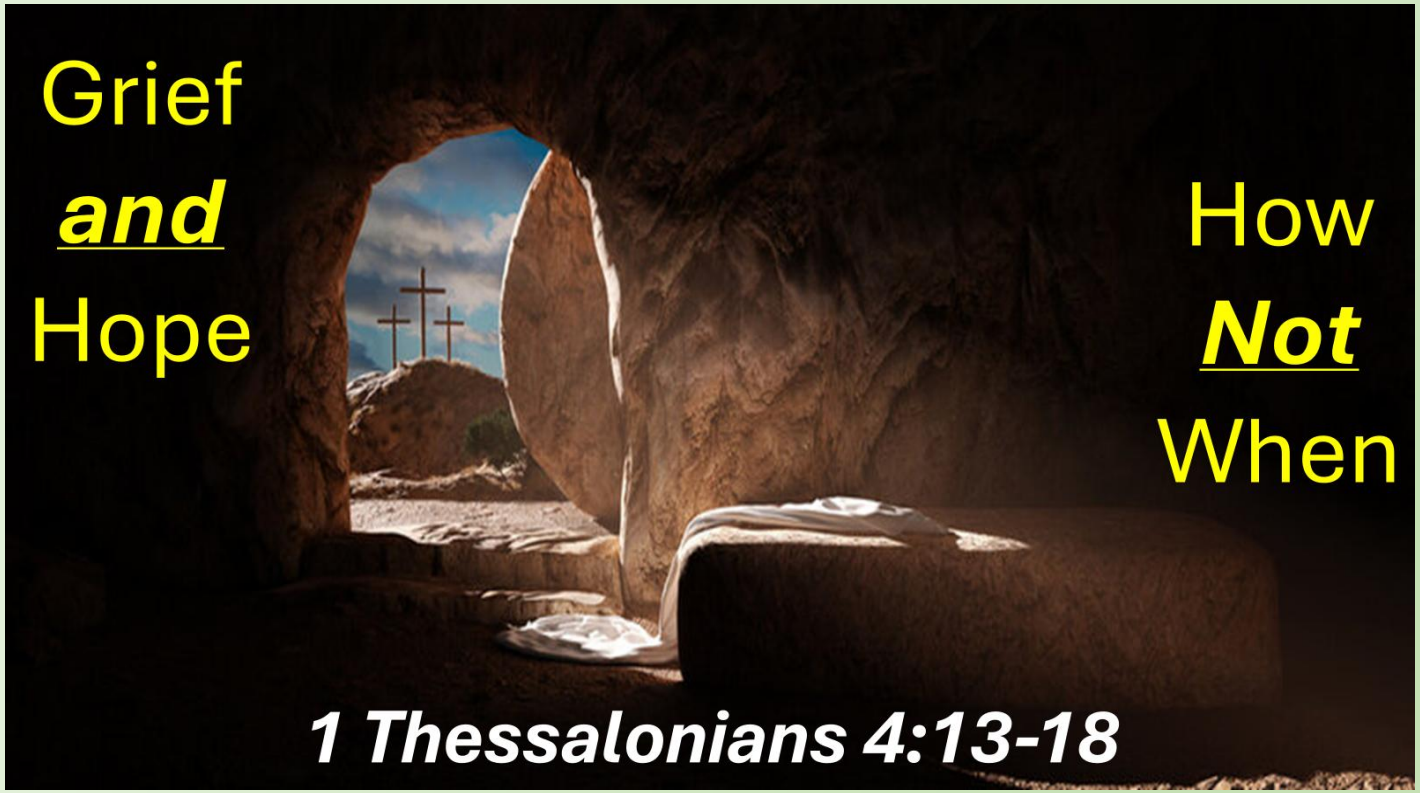

Sending Music

Sound Offering