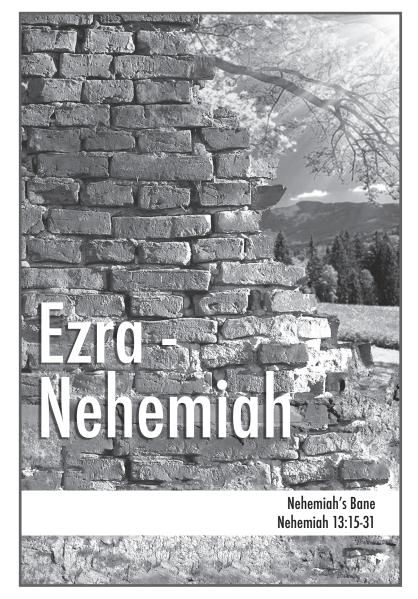
## Notes





Evening Service January 15, 2017 6:30 p.m.

## WELCOME AND INVOCATION TO WORSHIP

SINGING TOGETHER (Congregation Stands)

"As the Deer"

"Footsteps of Jesus"

"A Shelter in the Time of Storm"

PRAYER FOR THE GATHERING

GOD'S GREETING AND GREETING EACH OTHER

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE READING: Nehemiah 13:15-31

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE: "Nehemiah's Bane" Nehemiah 13:15-31

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**RESPONSE SONG** (Congregation stands)

"A Shelter in the Time of Storm"

**BENEDICTION** 

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** 

"I Love You, Lord"

Rev. Kirby Williams Worship Leader - Byron Cox

## Nehemiah's Bane Nehemiah 13:15–31

- I. Introduction
- II. Exposition of the text, Nehemiah 13:15-31.
  - A. Context
  - B. Threats to the covenant relationship.
    - 1. A threat to the Sabbath, vs. 15-22.
      - a. Defiling God's Sabbath, vs. 15-16.
        - i. Harvesting and bearing burdens.
        - ii. Conducting "business as usual".
      - b. Confronting the nobles, vs. 17–18, Neh. 10:31.
      - c. Excursus: Why the Sabbath?
      - d. Handling the situation, cs. 19-22a.
        - i. Blocking the gates, vs. 19.
        - ii. Threatening the vendors, vs. 20-21.
        - iii. Mobilizing the Levites, vs. 22a.
      - e. Another prayer of remembrance, vs. 22b, Heb. 13:14.
    - 2. A threat to solidarity, vs. 23-27.
      - a. The return of a pernicious enemy, vs. 23, Neh. 10:30, 13:1-3, Ezra 9:2.
      - b. Growing pagan communities, vs. 24.
      - c. A violent confrontation, vs. 25, Ezra 9:3.
      - d. The example of Solomon, vs. 26.
      - e. Considering the consequences, vs. 27.
    - 3. A threat to the priesthood, vs. 28-29.
    - 4. The shadow on the horizon, vs. 30-31.

III. Application

IV. Conclusion