



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

Nehemiah's Bane  
Nehemiah 13:15–31

## 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”

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## 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