

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**November 8th, 2020**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

- \* God's Greeting
- \* We Greet One Another

**Christ be with you.**

**And also with you!**

- \* Call to Worship (Psalm 108:1, 3-5)

*My heart, O God, is steadfast. I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;*

**I will sing of you among the peoples.**

*For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.*

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.**

- \* Opening Prayer

**WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

God's Instruction to His People (Colossians 2:6-8)

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.*

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, forgive us for the sins we commit to safeguard ourselves from the world as we surrender to fear and self-protection. Forgive our harsh words spoken to our friends and our blindness to the needs of others. Preoccupied with our own agenda and seeking success for ourselves, we have withheld love from our enemies. Help us to remain faithful to you, secure in your strength, so that we may listen to your voice and willingly contribute to love and justice in the world. Amen.**

God's Words of Assurance (From Isaiah 12)

*God is our salvation. We will trust and not be afraid. The Lord is our strength and defense; he is our salvation. With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation. We will praise the Lord and proclaim his name.*

Congregational Prayer

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20 <sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup>Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup>and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."

Message: "A Third Way: Suit Up"

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Application

- \* Song of Response: "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land  
The battle belongs to the Lord  
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand  
The battle belongs to the Lord

And we sing glory honor Power and strength to the Lord  
We sing glory honor Power and strength to the Lord

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood The battle belongs to the Lord  
He's raised up a standard the pow'r of His blood The battle belongs to the Lord

And we sing glory honor Power and strength to the Lord  
We sing glory honor Power and strength to the Lord

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

- \* Blessing

- \* Closing Song: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #348*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow – blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- \* Postlude

- \* Please stand if you are able

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