

Order of Worship
August 22nd 2021 ~ 13th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

God is here!

How do we know that?

Do you hear the rustle of papers? Does your heart sing a little with the music? Do tears come unbidden to your eyes? Do you look across the room and see someone who makes you smile? Do you feel gladness in this space?

Is that of God?

The rustle, the song, the tears, the smile, the gladness – those point to the holy.

And God is holy.

Then let us worship God. **Amen.**

~ Beth Merrill Neel

Hymn of Praise

Thy Word

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

Verse 1

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear

Verse 2

I will not forget

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
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Opening Prayer

We believe in God the Father,
who reveals his love to us in Christ. We believe in God the Son,
who pours out God's Holy Spirit on us. We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who teaches us God's truth. Living God,
give us faith to be sure of what we hope for,
and certain of what we do not see;
to believe that you are,
and that you reward those who truly seek you:
that may we please you
and receive what you have promised;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

~ written by Michael Perry, Jubilate

Special Music

There Is A Reason
Ron Block

Scripture Reading

Marion Garrett, Reader

Ephesians 6:10-20

NRSV

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6:56-69

NRSV

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless.

The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

When the Going Gets Tough

Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Marion Garrett, Reader

Offertory

We'll Understand It Better By And By

Charles Albert Tindley

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

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Communion

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Only In God

Verse 1

Only in God is my soul at rest
In Him comes my salvation
He only is my Rock
My strength and my salvation

Chorus

My stronghold my Savior
I shall not be afraid at all
My stronghold my Savior
I shall not be moved

Only in God is my soul at rest
In Him comes my salvation

Verse 2

Only in God is found safety
When my enemy pursues me
Only in God is found glory
When I am found meek and found
lowly

Chorus

My stronghold my Savior
I shall not be afraid at all
My stronghold my Savior
I shall not be moved
Only in God is my soul at rest
In Him comes my salvation

Ending

Only in God is my soul at rest
In Him comes my salvation

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Closing Prayer

God who is made known
to us in Jesus Christ,
Bless all whose journey,
whose search for faith,
acceptance and identity,
is made more difficult
by circumstance, doubt,
diversions, exhaustion,
stumbles along the road,
and the load they carry.
May they hear your voice,
and see your footsteps,
know how close you are,
lay down their burden,
reach for your hand,
and allow you to lead
them into their promised land.
Amen.

~ John Birch

Blessing

Postlude

I Can't Wait

Claudia Lorraine Scott, Kieran Francis Kane & Sean Michael Locke

Our love in action now begins...

Our Sunday School is next...

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
The Colorado Currys and Michael Schoepe.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

9:00 Video Greeting: Anna Belinski
9:00 Reader (Scripture and Prayer): Marion Garrett

10:30 Coffee/Tea Fellowship Host: Kim Rogers
10:30 Greeters: Cecilia Rios and Marie Kelly
10:30 Scripture Reader: Cecilia Rios

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