

Order of Worship
August 20th, 2023 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

God, you are in this world with love and grace.

You heal us when we are broken and cleanse us of our shame.

You cast out the demons of injustice and embrace the outcast.

You raise the dead, giving power to the powerless and hope to the despairing.

You have called disciples, and sent them into the world in love.

You call us now to come close, and we come. Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise

By Faith

WS #36

Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God

In the light of creation's grand
design

In the lives of those who prove His
faithfulness

Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the
earth

With the pow'r of His promise in
their hearts

Of a holy city built by God's own
hand

A place where peace and justice
reign

Chorus

We will stand as children of the
promise

We will fix our eyes on Him our
soul's reward

Till the race is finished and the work
is done

We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would
appear

With the pow'r to break the chains of
sin and death

And rise triumphant from the grave

Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost

To deliver captives and to preach
good news

In ev'ry corner of the earth

Chorus

We will stand as children of the
promise

We will fix our eyes on Him our

soul's reward

Till the race is finished and the work
is done

We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be
moved

And the pow'r of the gospel shall
prevail

For we know in Christ all things are
possible

For all who call upon His name

Chorus

We will stand as children of the
promise

We will fix our eyes on Him our
soul's reward

Till the race is finished and the work
is done

We'll walk by faith and not by sight

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Opening Prayer

Loving God, our deep distrust separates us from you, but you reach out to us in our fear with love and grace. You forgive us; you heal us; you bless us. We open our hearts to your Spirit, that the good news of your love might sink in and change us. Creator God, make us new. Loving Christ, come and speak to us. Holy Spirit, give us new life. **Amen.**

Special Music

Better Than I from *Joseph*
John Bucchino

Scripture Reading

Genesis 18: 9-15 and 21: 1-7 **NRSV**

18: 9-15 They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

21:1-7 The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

All in Good Time
Associate Pastor, Charla Belinski

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Offertory

I Look To You
Robert Kelly

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.

Closing Hymn

Eye Has Not Seen
WS #67

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what God has ready for those who
love him;
Spirit of love, come, give us the
mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom
of God.

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us
down, be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith,
and bear us up within your peaceful
word.

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what God has ready for those who
love him;
Spirit of love, come, give us the
mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom
of God.

2. Our lives are but a single breath,
we flower and we fade,
yet all our days are in your hands,
so we return in love what love has
made.

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what God has ready for those who
love him;
Spirit of love, come, give us the
mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom
of God.

3. To those who see with eyes of
faith, the Lord is ever near,
reflected in the faces of all the poor
and lowly of the world.

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what God has ready for those who
love him;
Spirit of love, come, give us the
mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom
of God.

4. We sing a myst'ry from the past in
halls where saints have trod,
yet ever new the music rings to
Jesus, Living Song of God.

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what God has ready for those who
love him;
Spirit of love, come, give us the
mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom
of God.

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Marty Haugen, b.1950, ◆ 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

Closing Prayer

Ageless one, who created time
And is sovereign over its every passing moment –
Be near to us.
Help us to look back and celebrate all you have done
And all you have accomplished through us
To build your kingdom of justice and peace.
Empower us to also face the disappointment
And holy frustration of the change we have yet to see.
Above all, fill us with your Spirit
That we might look to the future with hope, determination and love.
Amen.

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Art Williams,
Micha Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Altar – Judi Loubier
Greeters – Randy Woods, Jeanne Woods
9am Scripture and Prayers – Marion Garrett
10:30am Scripture Reader – Susan Kelly-Crowley

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