

Order of Worship
October 15th, 2023 ~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,
**and so we mix our worship and our work,
our faith and our life.**

We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,
**we gather as people who have been called to see the world
from a different viewpoint.**

God has called us together,
God has called us to be part of a community.
**God challenges us to consider questions of priority
as we engage with the world.**

In this time together,
may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,
allowing us to see deeper,
helping us to live in the world
while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

~ posted by Rev Gord

Hymn of Praise

The Summons
WS #239

Verse 1

Will you come and follow Me
If I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same
Will you let My love be shown
Will you let My name be known
Will you let My life be grown
In you and you in Me

Verse 2

Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare

Will you let Me answer prayer
In you and you in Me

Verse 3

Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in Me

Verse 4

Will you love the you you hide
If I but call your name
Will you quell the fear inside

And never be the same
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around
Through My sight and touch and
sound
In you and you in Me

Verse 5

Lord Your summons echoes true
When You but call my name
Let me turn and follow You
And never be the same
In Your company I'll go
Where Your love and footsteps
show
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In You and You in me

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Opening Prayer

Holy God, your power fills the universe with light and love.
Your tender hand caresses those who are suffering and wounded.
You welcome strangers and care for the lonely.
We are awed by the amazing extent of your compassion.
Meet us where we are.
Speak to us in ways that we understand.
Come to us, O God, in our time of worship.
Still our hearts and minds.
Renew our spirits and fill us with the life that only you can offer.
Amen.

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Special Music

Three Duos for Two Violins Opus 67. No. 2, II. Larghetto
Lois Spohr

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 17 **NIV**

17 Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

Elijah Fed by Ravens

2 Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: 3 “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. 4 You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.” 5 So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath

7 Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. 8 Then the word of the Lord came to him: 9 “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” 10 So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” 11 As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

12 “As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

13 Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. 14 For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’”

15 She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. 16 For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

17 Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. 18 She said to Elijah, “What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?”

19 “Give me your son,” Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. 20 Then he cried out to the Lord, “Lord my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?” 21 Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the Lord, “Lord my God, let this boy’s life return to him!”

22 The Lord heard Elijah’s cry, and the boy’s life returned to him, and he lived. 23 Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, “Look, your son is alive!”

24 Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Trust

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Jerusalem Ridge

Bill Monroe arr. Mark O'Connor

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

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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Closing Prayer

I raise a hallelujah
With everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah
I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah
In the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah
Fear, you lost your hold on me
Amen.

~ From Hymn – I Raise a Hallelujah, Songwriters: Jonathan David Helser / Melissa Helser / Jake Stevens / Molly Kate Skaggs

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Delaney Meyers & Camille Backman,
Micha Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Altar - Sue de Campo
Greeters - Robin & Pete Strecker
9am Reader - Mike Sena
Offering / Communion Cup - Robin & Pete Strecker

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