

*Welcome to Worship at
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection*

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT—FEBRUARY 21, 2021

11:00 A.M.

INTRODUCTION

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

— GATHERING —

WELCOME & WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adorn your sacred space with flowers and other beautiful signs of life.

SABBATH REFLECTION "He Will Hold Me Fast"

—vv. 1-2:Ada Habershon; Alt words vv. 1-2, lyrics v. 3 /Music / M.Merker

Heather Vincenty, viola; Helen Weiss Phelps, piano & voice

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

**Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

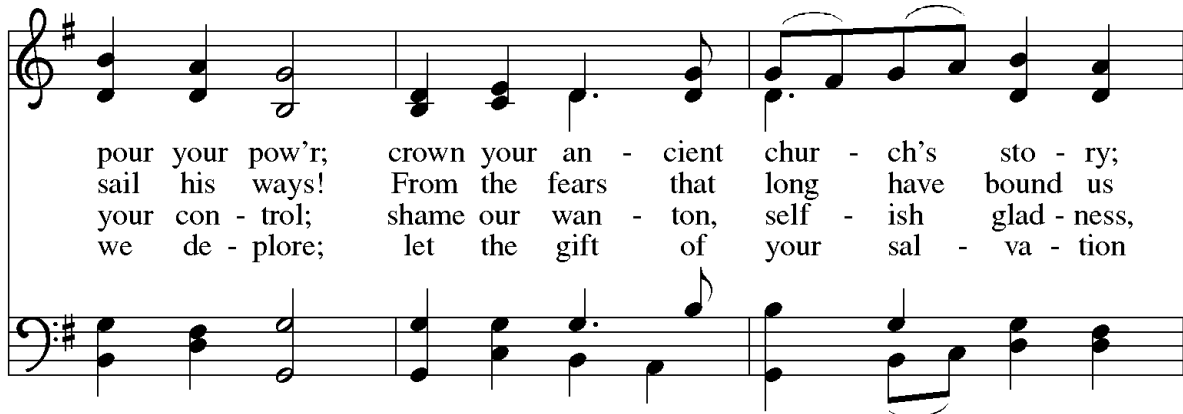


GATHERING SONG "God of Grace and God of Glory"

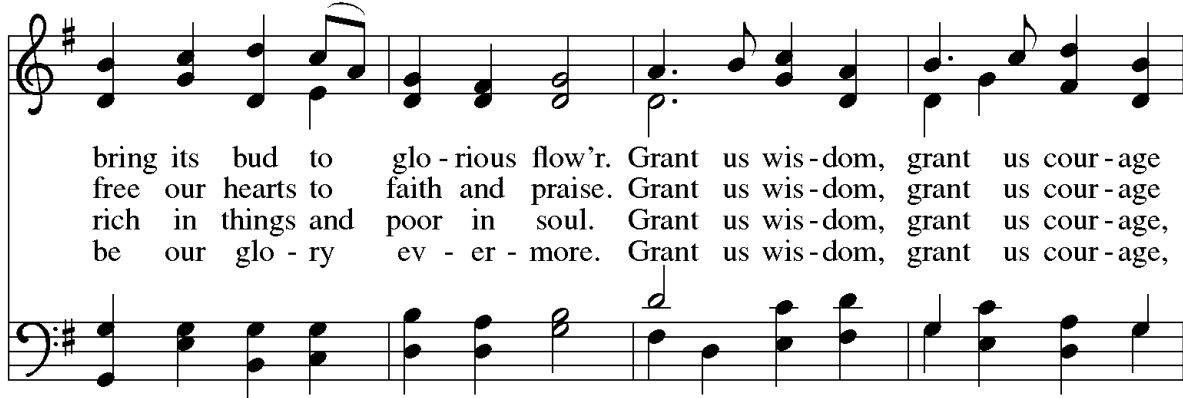
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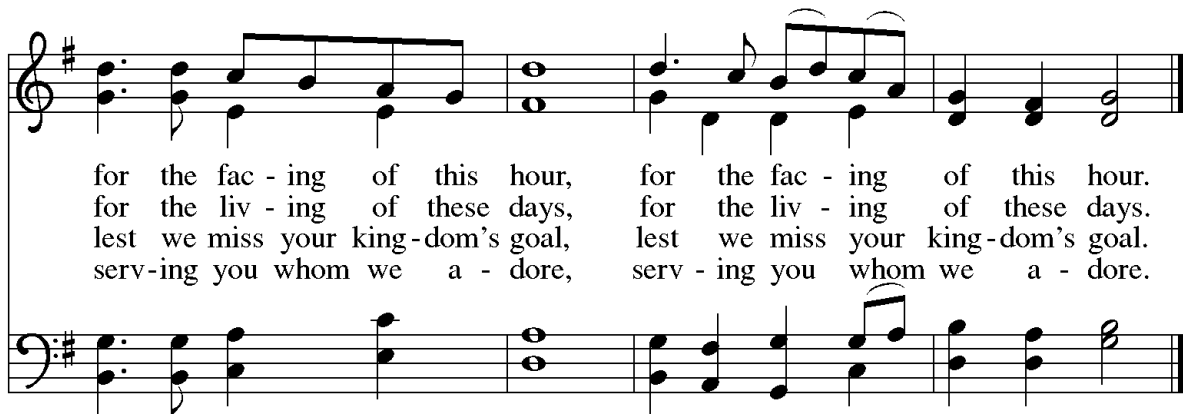
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, heavenly Father,

in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

—WORD—

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on

the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 (*read responsively*)

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

**²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**⁴Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

**¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,
¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during

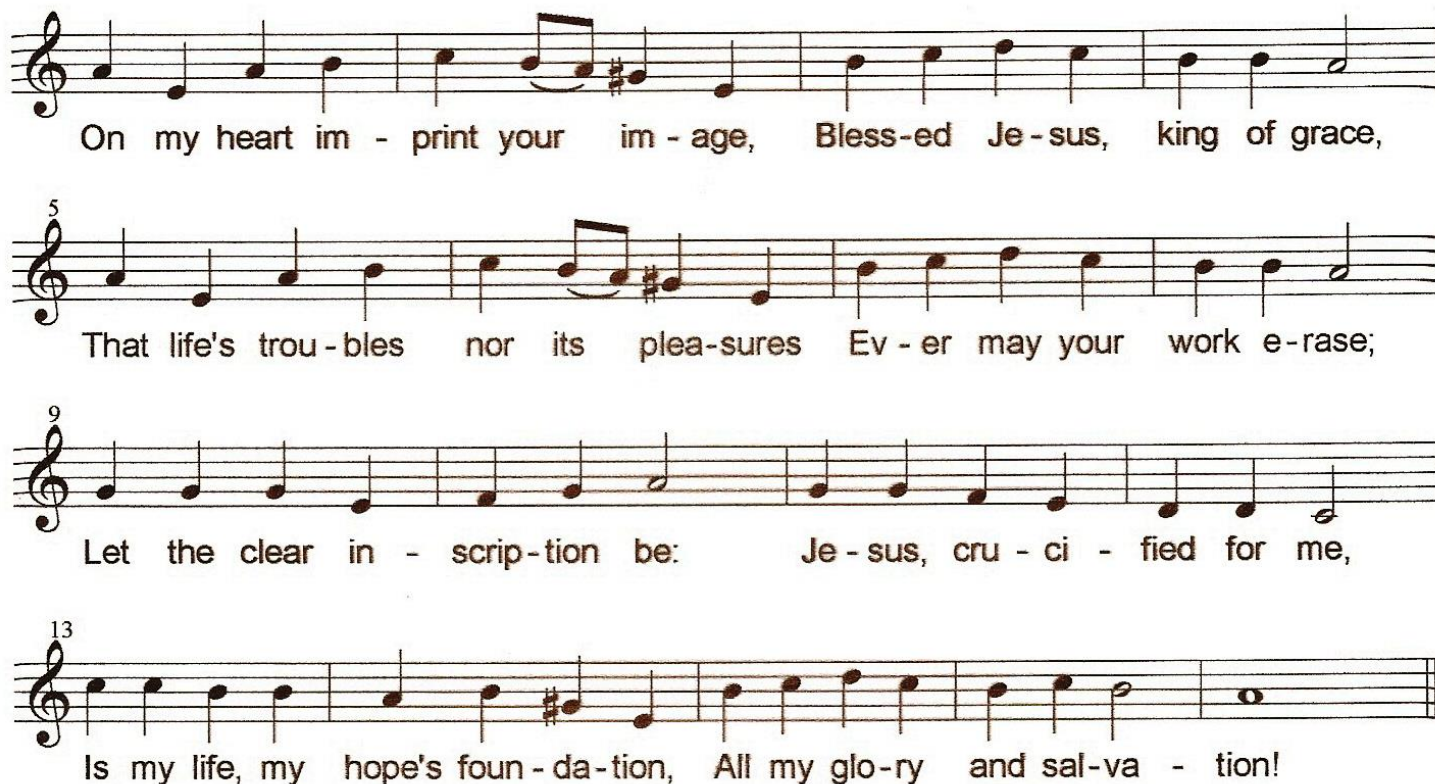
the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless-ed Je - sus, king of grace,
5 That life's trou - bles nor its plea-sures Ev - er may your work e-raise;
9 Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
13 Is my life, my hope's foun - da-tion, All my glo-ry and sal-va - tion!

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GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY “A Skidzo World”

Pastor Dave Helfrich



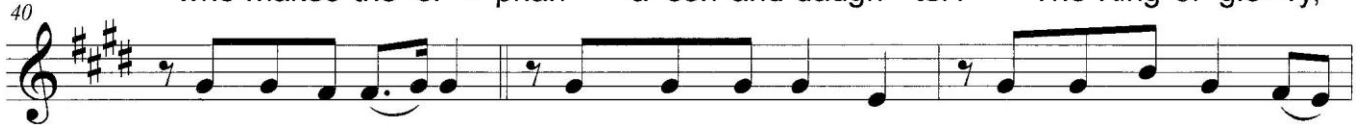
SONG OF THE DAY "This is Amazing Grace" –P. Wickham, J. Riddle, J. Farro

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "This is Amazing Grace". It consists of ten staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score is divided into three parts: Part 1 (measures 1-10), Part 2 (measures 11-20), and Part 3 (measures 21-34). Part 1 begins with a 7-measure rest. Part 2 begins with an 11-measure rest. Part 3 begins with a 34-measure rest. The lyrics for Part 1 are: "1. Who breaks the pow-er of sin and dark-ness, whose love is might-y — and so much strong - er? The King of glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings." The lyrics for Part 2 are: "2. Who shakes the whole earth with ho - ly thun - der and leaves us breath - less in awe and won - der? The King of glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings. This is a - maz - ing grace, this is un - fail - ing love, — that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross. — You laid down Your life that I would be — set free. — Oh, Je - sus I sing for all that You've done for me." The lyrics for Part 3 are: "3. Who brings our cha - os back in - to ord - er,"

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who makes the or - phan a son and daugh - ter? The King of glo - ry,

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the King of glo - ry. 4. Who rules the na - tions with truth and jus - tice,

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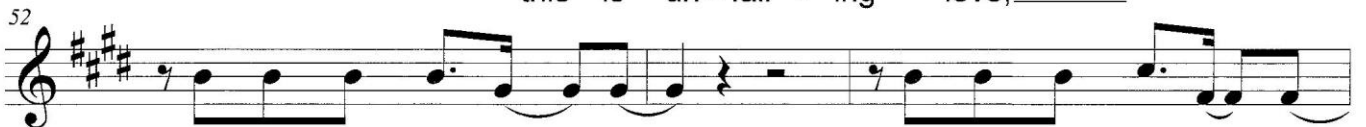
shines like the sun in all of its bril - liance? The King of glo - ry,

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the King a - bove all kings. Yeah, this is a - maz - ing grace,

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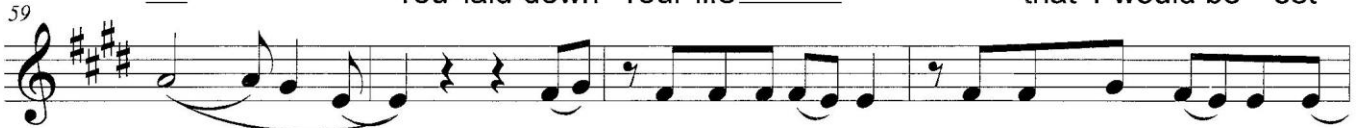
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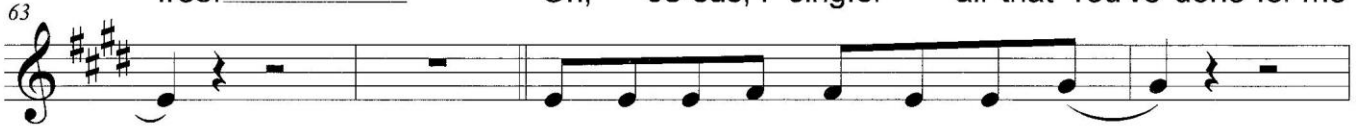
that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.

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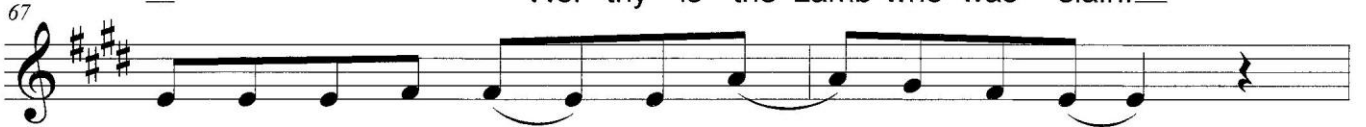
You laid down Your life that I would be set

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free. Oh, Je - sus, I sing for all that You've done for me

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Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain!

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Wor - thy is the King who con - quered the grave!

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Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain!_____ Wor-thy is the King who con-

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- quered the grave! Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain!__

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Wor - thy is the King__ who con - quered the grave!__

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Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain!__ Wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy! Oh,

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this is a-maz-ing grace, this is un-fail-ing love,_____

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_____ You laid down Your life_____ that I would be set

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free._____ Oh, Je-sus, I sing for all that You've done for me,

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_____ all that You've done for me._____

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APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

—THANKSGIVING—

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LCR Musicians also have a musical offering to glorify God

MUSICAL OFFERING "Desert Song"

—Brooke Fraser

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer, especially those affected by COVID-19.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern, especially MUST Ministries and all those in which we share our time and talents.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

— SENDING —

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, ✚ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING SONG "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

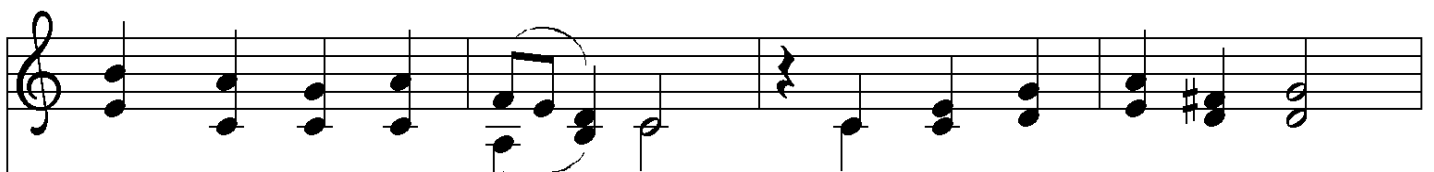
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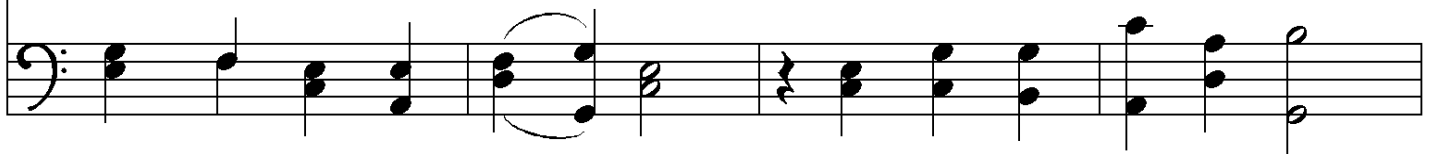
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat-'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News!
 Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

–setting, Mark Moeller



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