

# Worshiping the Lord, Who Preserves His Church!

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JANUARY 19, 2020  
10:30 AM

## **PRELUDE**

Bill Losch, piano

## **WELCOME**

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

## **WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP** *He's Always Been Faithful*

Prudence Barker, Emily Albright, violin; Laura Quinn, cello; Charis Baker, flute;  
Will Barker, trombone; Carrie Smith, piano

Morning by morning I wake up to find the power and comfort of God's hand in mine.  
Season by season I watch Him amazed, in awe of the myst'ry of His perfect ways.  
All I have need of His hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me.  
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## **\*GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 40:1-5; 11, 16-17

Reverend Bill Myers, Associate Pastor

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD;

**People: He inclined to me and heard my cry.**

Pastor: He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

**People: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

**People: Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

Pastor: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

**People: I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

Pastor: As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me;

**People: Your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!**

Pastor: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

**People: May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"**

Pastor: As for me, I am poor and needy, but the LORD takes thought for me.

**All: You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!**

**\*WE GIVE ETERNAL PRAISE! NO. 101** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

**\*WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

**GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED** 2 Timothy 1:7

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

**CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED** Acts 4:13; 29-32

When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. “And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are preformed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

**\*THE LORD IS OUR POWER!**

Matt Brantley, bass; Rod Cunningham, keyboard; Greg Wagener, drums

### *Though Troubles Assail Us*



1. Though trou - bles as - sail \_\_\_ us and dan - gers af - fright, \_\_\_  
 2. The \_\_\_ birds, with - out gar - ner or storehouse, are \_\_\_ fed; \_\_\_  
 3. When \_\_\_ Sa - tan as - sails \_\_\_ us to stop up our path, \_\_\_  
 4. No \_\_\_ strength of our own \_\_\_ and no good - ness we \_\_\_ claim; \_\_\_



though friends should all fail us and foes all u - nite, \_\_\_  
 from \_\_\_ them let us learn to trust God for our bread. \_\_\_  
 and \_\_\_ cour - age all fails us, we tri - umph by faith. \_\_\_  
 yet, \_\_\_ since we have known of the Sav - ior's great name, \_\_\_



yet \_\_\_ one thing se - cures \_\_\_ us, what ev - er be - tide, \_\_\_  
 His \_\_\_ saints what is fit - ting shall ne'er be de - nied, \_\_\_  
 He \_\_\_ can - not take from \_\_\_ us, though oft he has \_\_\_ tried, \_\_\_  
 in \_\_\_ this our strong tow - er for safe - ty we \_\_\_ hide; \_\_\_



the \_\_\_ prom - ise as - sures \_\_\_ us, "The Lord will pro - vide."  
 so \_\_\_ long as 'tis writ - ten, "The Lord will pro - vide."  
 this \_\_\_ heart - cheer - ing prom - ise, "The Lord will pro - vide."  
 the \_\_\_ Lord is our pow - er, "The Lord will pro - vide,"

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**\*GOD REVEALS HIS PRESERVED CHURCH!** Excerpt from Belgic Confession, Article 27

**Pastor:** The Church has existed from the beginning of the world and will last until the end, as appears from the fact that Christ is eternal King, who cannot be so without subjects.

**People:** **And this holy Church is preserved by God against the rage of the whole world, even though for a time it may appear very small to human eyes – as though it were snuffed out. For example, during the very dangerous time of Ahab the Lord preserved for himself seven thousand who did not bend their knees to Baal.**

**\*WE EVER SHALL PREVAIL! NO. 347** *The Church's One Foundation*

**WE INVOKE HIS HELP** Romans 12:12

Doug Loveall, Elder

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

**GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP** Romans 12:13

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

**WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS**

**WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD!** *Never Gonna Stop Singing*

Emily Fictorie, soprano; Sanctuary Choir

You called out into darkness. You reached down to save us.

You conquered the grave, You crossed the divide.

Lost in our sin, You made us alive.

How can we ever hold it inside? We can't hold back.

*Chorus:* We're gonna lift You higher, higher, hearts burning bright like a fire, fire.

Voices unite; make it louder, louder. We're never gonna stop singing,

Oo, we're never gonna stop singing.

Set free, no longer bound in chains. You rescued us and called us by name.

You conquered the grave, You crossed the divide.

Lost in our sin, You made us alive.

How can we ever hold it inside? We can't hold back. (*Chorus*)

Ev'ry tribe, ev'ry tongue, ev'ry heart will sing.

Ev'ry knee, we will bow to the risen King.

Lift Him up, lift him up. We're never gonna stop singing,

Oo we're never gonna stop singing. (*Chorus*)

Children and Children's Church Teachers please come forward **AFTER** the Offertory.

**Pre-K & Kindergarten** (Room 205 - upstairs) **1st -3rd** (Children's Chapel - downstairs).

**GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD** Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

**SERMON SERIES** "Acts"

**SCRIPTURE TEXT** Acts 14:19-28 | page 923 in the pew Bible

**SERMON TITLE** *Continuing in Ministry*

**\*WE CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO THOSE IN DARKNESS!**

***O Church, Arise***

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; hear the  
 2. Our call to war to love the cap - tive soul, but to  
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
 4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give —

call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the  
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -  
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to

they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven. With shield of  
 wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with  
 neath His feet, for the Con - quer - er has ris - en! And as the  
 win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of

faith and belt of — truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's  
 trials on ev - 'ry — side, we know the out - come is se -  
 stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e - mer - ges from the  
 old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His

lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry is love, reach - ing  
 cure, and Christ will have the prize for which He died an in -  
 grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry  
 grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger for the day when with

out her - to those in dark - - - ness.  
 eye and it - ance of na - - - tions.  
 Christ we stand in shall see - - - Him.  
 Glo - - - ry.

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major* J. S. Bach  
 Dennis Bergin, organ

## *Continuing in Ministry*

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

Acts 14:19-28 | page 923 in the pew Bible

How must we respond to hardship in ministry?

1. Continue building the church.

2. Continue praising the LORD.

\*Congregation please rise

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