

Worshiping the Lord, Who Stands by His People!

MAY 2, 2021
10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Two Hymn Whims: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* by Dennis Bergin

Dennis Bergin, organ

Psalm 33:1, 3, 21 (KJV)

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. Sing unto him a new song: play skillfully with a loud noise. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *O Children, Come*

Middle School/High School Choir; Carrie Smith, piano; Greg Wagener, drums

Hear the cry from Bethlehem: 'O children, come!'
Son of God now born to men: 'O children, come!'
Bring your troubles, bring your fears; bring the needs that draw you near.
Find the hope of all the years: 'O children, come!' 'O children, come!'

Peace on earth, goodwill to men: 'O children, come!'
Righteous rule that will not end: 'O children, come!'
Lay down all your bitterness; turn from sin's toil and distress
Find His grace and perfect rest: 'O children, come!' 'O children, come!'

Where the Father's grace has walked: 'O children, come!'
When you see the hurt and lost: 'O children, come!'
Shown the mercy shown to you; gifts of kindness to renew.
Love from hearts sincere and true. 'O children, come!'
'O children, come!' 'O children, come!'

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***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 31:1-2, 13-16, 23-24

Pastor: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!

People: **Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!**

Pastor: For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

People: **But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."**

Pastor: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

People: **Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!**

Pastor: Love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

All: **Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!**

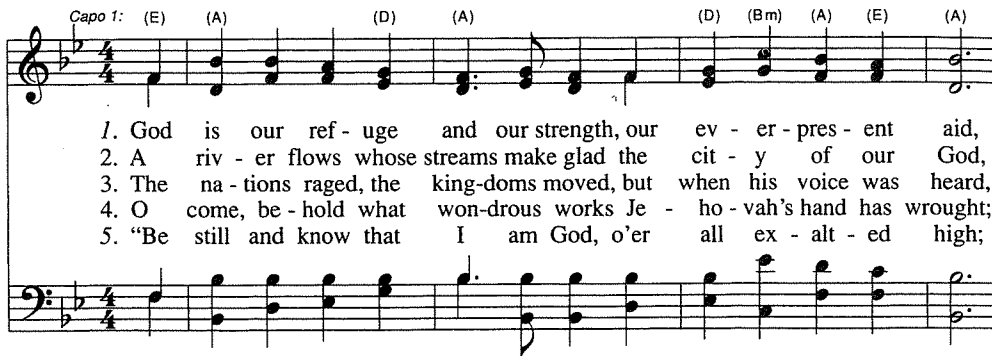
***THE LORD OF HOSTS IS ON OUR SIDE!**

Prudence Barker, violin; Matt Brantley, bass; Charis Baker, flute; Holly Henske, clarinet; April Northington, alto sax; Will Barker, trombone; Nathanael Zanders, timpani; Greg Wagener, drums

40 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

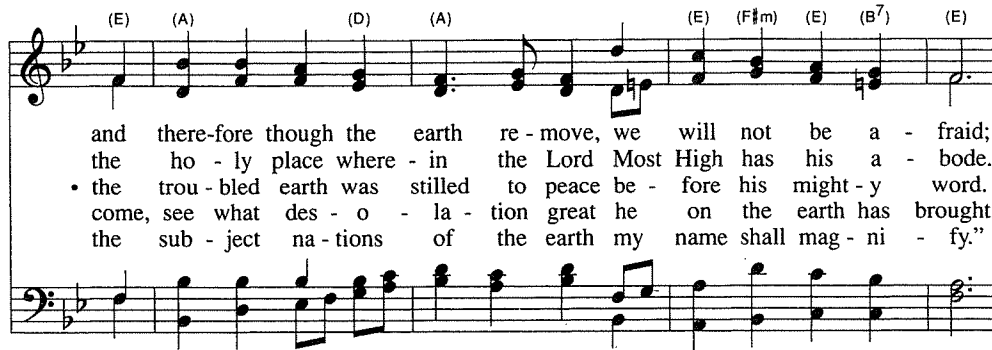
God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

Capo 1: (E) (A) (D) (A) (D) (Bm) (A) (E) (A)



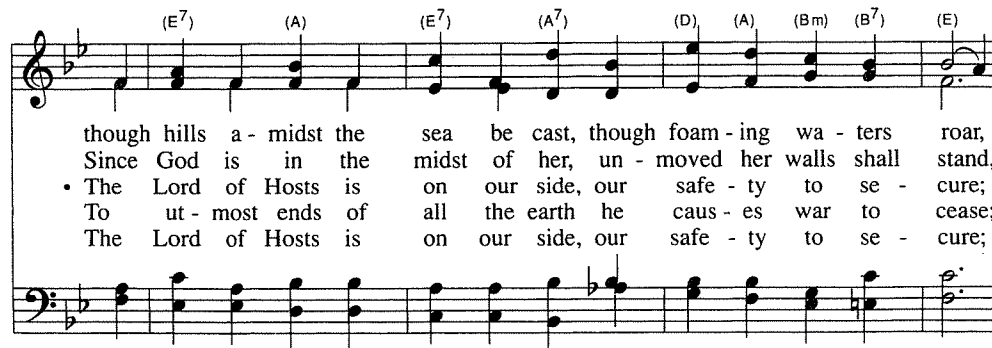
1. God is our ref - uge and our strength, our ev - er - pres - ent aid,
 2. A riv - er flows whose streams make glad the cit - y of our God,
 3. The na - tions raged, the king - doms moved, but when his voice was heard,
 4. O come, be - hold what won - drous works Je - ho - vah's hand has wrought;
 5. "Be still and know that I am God, o'er all ex - alt - ed high;

(E) (A) (D) (A) (E) (F#m) (E) (B7) (E)



and there-fore though the earth re - move, we will not be a - fraid;
 the ho - ly place where - in the Lord Most High has his a - bo - de.
 • the trou - bled earth was stilled to peace be - fore his might - y word.
 • come, see what des - o - la - tion great he on the earth has brought.
 the sub - ject na - tions of the earth my name shall mag - ni - fy."

(E7) (A) (E7) (A7) (D) (A) (Bm) (B7) (E)



though hills a - midst the sea be cast, though foam - ing wa - ters roar,
 Since God is in the midst of her, un - moved her walls shall stand,
 • The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safe - ty to se - cure;
 To ut - most ends of all the earth he caus - es war to cease;
 The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safe - ty to se - cure;

♯ (E7) (A) (D) (A) (D) (Bm) (A) (E7) (A) ♯
 yea, though the might - y bil - lows shake the moun - tains on the shore.
 for God will be her ear - ly help, when trou - ble is at hand.
 • the God of Ja - cob is for us a ref - uge strong and sure.
 the weap - ons of the strong de - stroyed, he makes a - bid - ing peace.
 the God of Ja - cob is for us a ref - uge strong and sure.

Psalm 46
The Psalter, 1912

BETHLEHEM (FINK) C.M.D.
 Gottfried W. Fink, 1842

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED John 15:18-21

Reverend David Barnes, Associate Pastor

If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED John 16:33

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

***OUR COMFORTER, OUR ALL IN ALL!**

Peter Lilley, Bill Myers, guitar; Rod Cunningham, keyboard

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
God in help - less Babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious day,
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love,
scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on the cross
up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as he stands
Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell,



what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, — when stri - vings cease. My com - fort -
as Je - sus died, the wrath of God — was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry
in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost — its grip on me; for I am
no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck — me from His hand; till He re -



er, my all in all here in the love of Christ — I stand.
sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ — I live.
His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood — of Christ.
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll stand.

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***GOD REVEALS, IN FACT CHRIST HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD!**

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Pastor: Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

People: But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

Pastor: And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

People: For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

Pastor: Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

People: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

***CHRIST HAS RISEN FROM DEATH'S PRISON!**

Praise the Savior Now and Ever

1. Praise the Sav - ior now and ev - er; praise him, all be - neath the skies;
2. Man's work fail - eth, Christ's a - vail - eth; he is ___ all our right - eous - ness;
3. Sin's bond sev - er'd, we're de - liv - er'd; Christ has ___ bruise'd the ser - pent's head;
4. For his fa - vor, praise for - ev - er un - to ___ God the Fa - ther sing;

pros - trate ly - ing, suf - fring, dy - ing on the ___ cross, a sac - ri - fice.
he, our Sav - ior, has for - ev - er set us ___ free from dire dis - tress.
death no lon - ger is the stron - ger; hell it - self is cap - tive led.
praise the Sav - ior, praise him ev - er, Son of ___ God, our Lord and King.

Vic - t'ry gain - ing, life ob - tain - ing now in glo - ry he doth rise.
Through his mer - it we in - her - it light and peace and hap - pi - ness.
Christ has ris - en from death's pri - son; o'er the tomb he light has shed.
Praise the Spir - it; through Christ's mer - it he doth us sal - va - tion bring.

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WE INVOKE HIS HELP Psalm 94:3, 5, 14, 19

Darren DeGroot, Elder

O LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked exult? They crush your people, O LORD, and afflict your heritage...the LORD will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage; When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD! A Jubilant Song
Middle School/High School Choir

Chorus: Cantate Domino canticum novem.
Sing to the Lord a new jubilant song!
Cantate Domino canticum novum omis terra.
Sing to the Lord all the earth! (*Chorus*)

Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands!
Let the hills sing together for joy!
Let the heavens and the earth all rejoice,
For the Lord is greatly to be praised!

Proclaim God's salvation! Declare God's great glory!
Lift up a jubilant song and make joyful noise,
Make joyful noise, make joyful noise! (*Chorus*)
Cantate Domino!

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GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD Reverend David Barnes, Associate Pastor
SERMON SERIES “Acts”
SCRIPTURE TEXT Acts 22:30-23:11
SERMON TITLE *Dependent Though Bound*

³⁰ But on the next day, desiring to know the real reason why he was being accused by the Jews, he unbound him and commanded the chief priests and all the council to meet, and he brought Paul down and set him before them.

23 And looking intently at the council, Paul said, “Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day.” ² And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. ³ Then Paul said to him, “God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?” ⁴ Those who stood by said, “Would you revile God’s high priest?” ⁵ And Paul said, “I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.’”

⁶ Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial.” ⁷ And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. ⁸ For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all. ⁹ Then a great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees’ party stood up and contended sharply, “We find nothing wrong in this man. What if a spirit or an angel spoke to him?” ¹⁰ And when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away from among them by force and bring him into the barracks.

¹¹ The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.”

***WE KNOW THE OUTCOME IS SECURE!**

O Church, Arise

1. O Church, arise, and put your armour on; hear the
 2. Our call to war to love the captive soul, but to
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the
 4. So Spirit come, put strength in every 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 -
 old still line the way, and Christ e - mer - ges from the
 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 to those in dark - - - ness.
 her - it - ance of na - - - tions.
 eye and heart shall see Him.
 Christ we stand in Glo - - - ry.

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Reprise: O Church Arise*

Dependent Though Bound

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Acts 22:30-23:11

How did Paul respond to persecution? Part 2

1. He submitted to the written word of God.
2. He supported the resurrection of Christ.
3. He savored the presence of the Lord.

*Congregation please rise

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