

Welcome and Announcements: November 8, 2020

Prelude: * *Children of the Heavenly King – Pleyel’s Hymn*

*Children of the Heavenly King, as we journey, sweetly sing,
Sing our Savior’s worthy praise, glorious in His works and ways.*

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Gathering Around God’s Word

Opening Prayer: Howard Thurman

“Come, O Holy Spirit.

Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,
come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,
come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,
come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.
Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,
Until we are set free from the service of ourselves,
To be your servants to the world.”

Come, Holy Spirit. Come to us in quietude amidst the noise of the world, come to us in peace amidst our uncertainty, come to us in joy as we begin our worship. Come to us always—sow peace in our world. Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

Opening Hymn: * *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*1. Immortal, invisible God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

2. *To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.*

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God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture – Psalm 70 *

1 For David, to Call to Mind

2 God, to save me,
 Lord, to my help, hasten!

3 May those who seek my life be shamed and reviled.
 May they fall back and be disgraced,
 who desire my harm.

4 Let them turn back on the heels of their shame,
 who say “Hurrah, hurrah!”

5 Let all who seek You
 exult and rejoice,
 and may they always say “God is great!”
 -- those who love your rescue.

6 As for me, I am lowly and needy
 God, O hasten to me!

7 My help, the one who frees me, you are.
 Lord, do not delay.

*Text from Robert Alter's *Hebrew Bible Translation With Commentary, 2019*.

Sermon – Wait Upon the Lord

Responding to God's Word

Prayer of the People and the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering and Response: Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Sending Us Out to be God's Word in the World

Closing Hymn: * O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. *O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

2. *Time, like an every rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

3. *O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

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Charge and Benediction:

Romans 8:38-39

“38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Postlude: Excerpt from **With Sounding Timbrel* – Chester Nordman

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