

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Air, J. Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 7

Leader: Rejoice and be glad!
People: For God is our salvation.
Leader: Rejoice and be glad!
People: For God is great!

HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, St. Anne

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

4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray (*silent confession continues...*) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news:
People: Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
Leader: Believe the gospel!
People: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me! Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me. Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame. Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

SERMON

Living in Hope

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Ed Cothroll, Chair, Stewardship Committee

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 350

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning, Spiritual

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning;
keep your lamps trimmed and burning;
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for the time is drawing nigh.

3 We are climbing Jacob's ladder;
we are climbing Jacob's ladder;
we are climbing Jacob's ladder,
for the time is drawing nigh. [Refrain]

Refrain:
Sisters, don't grow weary; brothers, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary, for the time is drawing nigh.

4 Every round goes higher, higher;
every round goes higher, higher;
every round goes higher, higher,
for the time is drawing nigh. [Refrain]

2 It's our faith makes us happy;
it's our faith makes us happy;
it's our faith makes us happy,
for the time is drawing nigh. [Refrain]

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hope Springs Eternal, J. Chrisman

Leaders Today	
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