



Sunday Evening Worship
September 26, 2021

Call to Worship: Psalm 124:1-6, 8

Leader If it had not been the LORD who was on our side— let Israel now say—

People **If it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive,**

Leader When their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

People **Then over us would have gone the raging waters.**

Leader Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth! ...

People **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Prayer of Invocation

No Longer Slaves

(Words and Music Jonathan David Helser & Melissa Helser 2014)

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family

Your blood flows through my veins
You split the sea so I could
walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

It Is Well With My Soul

(Words: Horatio G. Spafford 1873 Music: Philip P. Bliss 1876)

When peace like a river
attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea-billows roll,
Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control:
That Christ has regarded
my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

*It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul!*

My sin--O the bliss
of this glorious thought!--
My sin not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross,
and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day,
when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul!

Call to Confession:

I John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of Confession

Father, you sent Jesus to give freedom to the captives. We confess that our natural state is to live in captivity. We are naturally enslaved to our own desires and the approval of others. Christ has given us a new calling, a new identity and new righteousness. But, still we find ourselves returning to serve sin.

We pray that the freedom of Christ would increasingly rule in our lives. May we be free to live for your glory in all things. Help us to see that all that we do and say is before your face. Help us to live in ways that are fitting for people who have been ransomed by the precious blood of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

I John 3:1

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

Song of Renewal

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Jesus What a Friend for Sinners

(Words: J. Wilbur Chapman 1910 Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard 1811)

Jesus what a friend for sinners
Jesus Lover of my soul
Friends may fail me foes assail me
He my Savior makes me whole

Jesus What a strength in weakness
Let me hide myself in Him
Tempted tried and sometimes failing
He my strength my victory wins

*Hallelujah What a Savior
Hallelujah What a friend
Saving helping keeping loving
He is with me to the end*

Jesus what a help in sorrow
While the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking
He my comfort helps my soul

Jesus what a guide and keeper
While the tempest still is high
Storms about me, night has found me
He my pilot hears my cry

Jesus I do now receive Him
More than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness
I am His and He is mine

Scripture & Homily:

Judges 4:1-5:31

"Singing God's Salvation"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

¹And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord after Ehud died. ²And the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoyim. ³Then the people of Israel cried out to the Lord for help, for he had 900 chariots of iron and he oppressed the people of Israel cruelly for twenty years.

⁴Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the people of Israel came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali and said to him, "Has not the Lord, the God of Israel, commanded you, 'Go, gather your men at Mount Tabor, taking 10,000 from the people of Naphtali and the people of Zebulun. ⁷And I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the river Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand?'" ⁸Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go." ⁹And she said, "I will surely go with you. Nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh. ¹⁰And Barak called out Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh. And 10,000 men went up at his heels, and Deborah went up with him.

¹¹Now Heber the Kenite had separated from the Kenites, the descendants of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, and had pitched his tent as far away as the oak in Zaananim, which is near Kedesh.

¹²When Sisera was told that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor, ¹³Sisera called out all his chariots, 900 chariots of iron, and all the men who were with him, from Harosheth-hagoyim to the river Kishon. ¹⁴And Deborah said to Barak, "Up! For this is the day in which the Lord has given Sisera into your hand. Does not the Lord go out before you?" So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with 10,000 men following him. ¹⁵And the Lord routed Sisera and all his chariots and all his army before Barak by the edge of the sword. And Sisera got down from his chariot and fled away on foot. ¹⁶And Barak pursued the chariots and the army to Harosheth-hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; not a man was left.

¹⁷But Sisera fled away on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. ¹⁸And Jael came out to meet Sisera and said to him, "Turn aside, my lord; turn aside to me; do not be afraid." So he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug. ¹⁹And he said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty." So she opened a skin of milk and gave him a drink and covered him. ²⁰And he said to her, "Stand at the opening of the tent, and if any man comes and asks you, 'Is anyone here?' say, 'No.'" ²¹But Jael the wife of Heber took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand. Then she went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple until it went down into the ground

while he was lying fast asleep from weariness. So he died. ²²And behold, as Barak was pursuing Sisera, Jael went out to meet him and said to him, "Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking." So he went in to her tent, and there lay Sisera dead, with the tent peg in his temple.

²³So on that day God subdued Jabin the king of Canaan before the people of Israel. ²⁴And the hand of the people of Israel pressed harder and harder against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day:

²"That the leaders took the lead in Israel, that the people offered themselves willingly, bless the Lord!

³"Hear, O kings; give ear, O princes; to the Lord I will sing; I will make melody to the Lord, the God of Israel.

⁴"Lord, when you went out from Seir, when you marched from the region of Edom, the earth trembled and the heavens dropped, yes, the clouds dropped water.

⁵The mountains quaked before the Lord, even Sinai before the Lord, the God of Israel.

⁶"In the days of Shamgar, son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were abandoned, and travelers kept to the byways.

⁷The villagers ceased in Israel; they ceased to be until I arose; I, Deborah, arose as a mother in Israel.

⁸When new gods were chosen, then war was in the gates. Was shield or spear to be seen among forty thousand in Israel?

⁹My heart goes out to the commanders of Israel who offered themselves willingly among the people.

Bless the Lord.

¹⁰"Tell of it, you who ride on white donkeys, you who sit on rich carpets and you who walk by the way.

¹¹To the sound of musicians at the watering places, there they repeat the righteous triumphs of the Lord, the righteous triumphs of his villagers in Israel.

"Then down to the gates marched the people of the Lord.

¹²"Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, break out in a song! Arise, Barak, lead away your captives, O son of Abinoam.

¹³Then down marched the remnant of the noble; the people of the Lord marched down for me against the mighty.

¹⁴From Ephraim their root they marched down into the valley, following you, Benjamin, with your kinsmen; from Machir marched down the commanders, and from Zebulun those who bear the lieutenant's staff;

¹⁵the princes of Issachar came with Deborah, and Issachar faithful to Barak; into the valley they rushed at his heels. Among the clans of Reuben there were great searchings of heart.

¹⁶Why did you sit still among the sheepfolds, to hear the whistling for the flocks?

Among the clans of Reuben
there were great searchings of heart.
¹⁷Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan;
and Dan, why did he stay with the ships?
Asher sat still at the coast of the sea,
staying by his landings.

¹⁸Zebulun is a people who risked their lives to the
death;

Naphtali, too, on the heights of the field.

¹⁹The kings came, they fought;
then fought the kings of Canaan,
at Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo;
they got no spoils of silver.

²⁰From heaven the stars fought,
from their courses they fought against Sisera.

²¹The torrent Kishon swept them away,
the ancient torrent, the torrent Kishon.
March on, my soul, with might!

²²Then loud beat the horses' hoofs
with the galloping, galloping of his steeds.

²³Curse Meroz, says the angel of the Lord,
curse its inhabitants thoroughly,
because they did not come to the help of the
Lord,
to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

²⁴Most blessed of women be Jael,
the wife of Heber the Kenite,
of tent-dwelling women most blessed.
²⁵He asked for water and she gave him milk;
she brought him curds in a noble's bowl.
²⁶She sent her hand to the tent peg
and her right hand to the workmen's mallet;
she struck Sisera;
she crushed his head;
she shattered and pierced his temple.
²⁷Between her feet
he sank, he fell, he lay still;
between her feet
he sank, he fell;

where he sank,
there he fell—dead.

²⁸Out of the window she peered,
the mother of Sisera wailed through the lattice:
'Why is his chariot so long in coming?
Why tarry the hoofbeats of his chariots?'

²⁹Her wisest princesses answer,
indeed, she answers herself,
³⁰Have they not found and divided the spoil?—
A womb or two for every man;
spoil of dyed materials for Sisera,
spoil of dyed materials embroidered,
two pieces of dyed work embroidered for the
neck as spoil?'

³¹So may all your enemies perish, O Lord!
But your friends be like the sun as he rises in
his might."

And the land had rest for forty years.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Song of Thanksgiving

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

(Words: John Newton 1774 Music: Laura Taylor 2001)

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name,
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame,
He has washed us with his blood (3x),
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by his grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with his blood (3x),
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptations
Threaten hard to bear us down.
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqueror's crown
He who washed us with his blood (3x),
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with his blood (3x),
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted him before us
Now their praises fill the sky.
You have washed us with your blood (3x),
You are worthy, Lamb of God

Benediction

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