



Sunday Evening Worship  
October 3, 2021

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## Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5

Leader Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

Leader Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

People **Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### Praise to the Lord the Almighty

*(Words: Joachim Neander 1680 Translator: Catherine Winkworth 1863 Music: Anonymous 1665)*

Praise to the Lord,  
The Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him for  
He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,  
Who o'er all things  
so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
Yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
how all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,  
Who doth prosper thy  
work and defend thee.  
Surely His goodness and  
Mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from  
His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

## Scripture Reading:

Psalm 103:15-19

### God With Us

*(Leslie Jordan 2012)*

You have come to bring peace  
To be love, to be nearer to us  
You have come to bring life  
To be light, to shine brighter in us.  
Oh Emmanuel, "God with us"

*Our Deliverer, You are Savior  
In Your presence we find our strength  
Over everything, our redemption  
God with us, You are God with us.*

You have come to be hope  
To this world for Your honor and name.  
You have come to take sin  
To bear shame and to conquer the grave.  
Oh Emmanuel, "God with us".

You are here and  
You are holy  
We are standing  
In Your glory (Lord)

# Call to Confession:

Psalm 103:13-14

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

## Prayer of Confession

Father, you are all wise, all loving and all powerful. And yet we have to confess that suffering causes us to doubt. You tell us that you work for the good in all things. But we confess that our vision gets small when we face trials. You tell us that your hand is at work in hardship – shaping us to be like Christ. Yet we struggle to pick up our cross and follow him.

Give us grace to see your love and power with new eyes. Help us to see the false idols that we trust and help us to turn from them. Cause us to see Jesus the man of sorrows who suffered with us and for us. To him be the glory. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those

who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

## Song of Renewal

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### O Come To The Altar

*(Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye 2015)*

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

*O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

# Scripture & Homily:

Judges 6

## "Signs of Assurance"

- Reverend Nameun Cho

*<sup>1</sup>The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD gave them into the hand of Midian seven years. <sup>2</sup>And the hand of Midian overpowered Israel, and because of Midian the people of Israel made for themselves the dens that are in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds. <sup>3</sup>For whenever the Israelites planted crops, the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. <sup>4</sup>They would encamp against them and devour the produce of the land, as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance in Israel and no sheep or ox or donkey. <sup>5</sup>For they would come up with their livestock and their tents; they would come like locusts in number—both they and their camels could not be counted—so that they laid waste the land as they came in. <sup>6</sup>And Israel was brought very low because of Midian. And the people of Israel cried out for help to the LORD.*

*<sup>7</sup>When the people of Israel cried out to the LORD on account of the Midianites, <sup>8</sup>the LORD sent a prophet to the people of Israel. And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I led you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of slavery. <sup>9</sup>And I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land. <sup>10</sup>And I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.' But you have not obeyed my voice."*

<sup>11</sup>Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to

Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor." <sup>13</sup>And Gideon said to him, "Please, my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian." <sup>14</sup>And the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, "Please, LORD, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." <sup>16</sup>And the LORD said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man." <sup>17</sup>And he said to him, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me. <sup>18</sup>Please do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my present and set it before you." And he said, "I will stay till you return."

<sup>19</sup>So Gideon went into his house and prepared a young goat and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the terebinth and presented them. <sup>20</sup>And the angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them." And he did so. <sup>21</sup>Then the angel of the LORD reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes. And fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. And the angel of the LORD vanished from his sight. <sup>22</sup>Then Gideon perceived that he was the

angel of the LORD. And Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face." <sup>23</sup>But the LORD said to him, "Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die." <sup>24</sup>Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and called it, The LORD Is Peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.

<sup>25</sup>That night the LORD said to him, "Take your father's bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it <sup>26</sup>and build an altar to the LORD your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then take the second bull and offer it as a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down." <sup>27</sup>So Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had told him. But because he was too afraid of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night.

<sup>28</sup>*When the men of the town rose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the Asherah beside it was cut down, and the second bull was offered on the altar that had been built. <sup>29</sup>And they said to one another, "Who has done this thing?" And after they had searched and inquired, they said, "Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing." <sup>30</sup>Then the men of the town said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, for he has broken down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah beside it." <sup>31</sup>But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Will you contend for Baal? Or will you save him? Whoever contends for him shall be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because his altar has been broken down." <sup>32</sup>Therefore on that day Gideon was called Jerubbaal, that is to say,*

*"Let Baal contend against him," because he broke down his altar.*

<sup>33</sup>*Now all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East came together, and they crossed the Jordan and encamped in the Valley of Jezreel. <sup>34</sup>But the Spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon, and he sounded the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called out to follow him. <sup>35</sup>And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, and they too were called out to follow him. And he sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, and they went up to meet them.*

<sup>36</sup>Then Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said, <sup>37</sup>behold, I am laying a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece alone, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said." <sup>38</sup>And it was so. When he rose early next morning and squeezed the fleece, he wrung enough dew from the fleece to fill a bowl with water. <sup>39</sup>Then Gideon said to God, "Let not your anger burn against me; let me speak just once more. Please let me test just once more with the fleece. Please let it be dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground let there be dew." <sup>40</sup>And God did so that night; and it was dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground there was dew.

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

## Additional Scripture

1 Samuel 16:10-12/ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he."

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1 Corinthians 15:8-10/ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

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## Song of Thanksgiving

### How Firm a Foundation

*(Words: R. Keene & George Keith 1787, Melody: American Folk)*

How firm a foundation,  
ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith  
in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say  
than to you he hath said,  
To you, who for refuge  
to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee;  
O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God,  
I will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,  
and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous  
omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters  
I call thee to go,  
The rivers of grief shall  
not thee overflow,  
For I will be with thee,  
thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee  
thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials  
thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient,  
shall be thy supply,  
The flame shall not hurt thee,  
I only design  
Thy dross to consume,  
and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus  
hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not,  
desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell  
should endeavor to break,  
I will never, no, never,  
no, never forsake."

## Benediction

**Notes:**

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