

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude "The God of Abraham Praise" # 24

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Gathering** "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" # 576

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away; oh, let me from this day be wholly thine.
2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me; oh, may my love to thee; pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire.
3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away; nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship 8:30am Jack Kline /10:30am Roy McLellan

Luke 12: 32-37, 40

L: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

C: Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

L: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

C: "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;

L: be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

C: Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes;

L: truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

ALL: You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message

Text

Message

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

"Stepping Out in Faith"

(NRSVUE)

Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings 8:30am Jack Kline /10:30am Ashers

Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #46

*Prayer of Dedication

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation 8:30am Jack Kline /10:30am Ashers

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music: "Sweet By and By" SHR #75

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn "Standing on the Promises" # 552

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

REFRAIN: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. **REFRAIN:**

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. **REFRAIN:**

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fail, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. **REFRAIN:**

*Benediction

Rev. Schwartz

Postlude "We Are Walking" # 442

August 7, 2022

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color Green

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 (NRSVUE)

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! May your journey of faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.