

Bulletin for Sunday, July 26, 2020

Greeting and Welcome

Time of Centering Prayer

Prelude

Response, Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Call to Worship (responsively)

L: We go out into the world.

P: But we are weak and incapable.

L: Praise God! We have been given the Holy Spirit.

P: We are given wisdom and power, gifts and abilities.

L: We are not alone.

P: God is with us and in us. We will do even greater things.

Hymn, "Standing on the Promises" UMH 374

**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 fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

Call to Confession

Prayer (in unison)

Merciful God, you are with us and you strengthen us in this difficult time. You raise us up into a new life with Christ even when we are suffering, worried, and lonely. Your grace abounds even when we wrong you and wrong others. We confess that this week we have sinned against you and against others by our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Thank you for your mercy and forgiveness. Enable us through the power of the Holy Spirit to be witnesses for you in this broken and hurting world. Help us to be an answer to one another's prayers as we reach out in love to those in need. Hear our prayers, wonderful savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Musical Offering, Jerry McNabb, "You've got a Friend"

New Testament Lesson, Acts 1:1-12

Musical Offering, Jerry McNabb, "I Can See Clearly Now"

Gospel Lesson, John 14:5-14

Response, He is Lord

**He is Lord, he is Lord, he is risen from the dead and he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Sermon "Sermon Series - Who Are as Christians Part 2: We Are Called"

Pastor Warner

Hymn, "Spirit of the Living God" UMH 593

**Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Response, Cares Chorus

**I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.**

Announcements

Hymn, "He Leadeth Me" UMH 127

**1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

[Refrain]

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

**2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. [Refrain]**

**3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]**

**4. And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. [Refrain]**

Benediction

Closing Response, Bind Us Together

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.**