ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, May 24, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE
“The Call” from Five Mystical Songs
Ralph Vaughan-Williams
Robert Spann, baritone

CALL TO WORSHIP
Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

PRAISE SONG/HYMN
Goodness of God/Blessed Assurance

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Let us pray. | Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
Isaiah 11: 1-5

EPISTLE LESSON
Ephesians 6: 10-17

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Apostles’ Creed
UMH 881
Let us affirm our faith. | I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER
The Lord be with you. | And also with you. | Let us pray.
MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND DOXOLOGY NO. 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON
Matthew 5:10; John 14:6

SERMON
"A Belt and a Breastplate”
Rev. Dr. Jerry Roe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

HYMN NO. 374
Standing on the Promises

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
All Creatures of Our God and King
Rev. Dr. Jennifer Marshall, piano
arr. Chris Rice
**Goodness Of God**
I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

**Chorus**
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

(Chorus)

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

(Chorus)

**Blessed Assurance**
Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

**Chorus**
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

**Standing on the Promises**
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]