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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship  
and silence your mobile devices.*

### Prayer of Preparation

Eternal God,  
the light of the minds that know You,  
the life of the souls that love You,  
the strength of the wills that serve You;  
Help us so to know You that we may truly love You,  
So to love You that we may fully serve You,  
Whom to serve is perfect freedom.  
Awaken us to delight in Your praises;  
for You made us for yourself,  
and our heart is restless until it rests in You. Amen.

*Augustine, 354-430 A.D.*

## STAND STRONG IN CHRIST'S LOVE

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: Variations on "Thine Be the Glory" . . . Ludwig Beethoven

*Benjy Jung, cello  
Ginger Statom, piano*

CHORAL PRAISE: "My Soul's Been Anchored In the Lord" . . . . . arr. Moses Hogan

In the Lord, my soul's been anchored, Hallelujah, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.  
Goin' shout an' pray an' never stop until I reach the mountain top.  
In the Lord. My soul's been anchored, Hallelujah, in the Lord.  
Do you love him? God Almighty?  
Are you anchored? Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.  
Will you serve him? God Almighty?  
Are you anchored? Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.  
Hallelujah, will you praise Him? God Almighty?  
Are you anchored? Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.  
Lord I'm anchored, Lord I love You, yes I'll serve You, Lord I'll praise You.  
Hallelujah! My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

*Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Michael C. Davis

✦HYMN OF MISSION: No. 575 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" . . . . . DIADEMATA

✦EPISTLE LESSON: selections from Romans 13 . . . . . Margaret Stephens (8:15)  
Zach Pennington (11:00)

Owe no one anything, except to love each other,  
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

**Love does no wrong to a neighbor;  
therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

Besides this you know the time,  
that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep.

**For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.**

The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

**So then let us cast off the works of darkness  
and put on the armor of light.**

Let us walk properly as in the daytime.

**Put on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . DIADEMATA

**From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray,  
Tread all the pow'rs of darkness down and win the well-fought day.  
Still let the Spirit cry in all His soldiers, "Come!"  
Till Christ, the Lord, descends from high and takes the conquerors home.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

**STAND STRONG IN CHRIST'S GRACE**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O gracious heavenly Father,  
we draw near to You imploring Your forgiveness.**

**We confess that too often our minds have been led astray  
from a simple and pure devotion to Jesus,  
and we have not stood firm against the devil's lies and lures.**

**Pardon us for not guarding  
our affections from the love of idols,  
our character from the stain of vice,  
and our hearts from the onslaught of lusts  
that wage war against our souls.  
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF SALVATION:

No. 469 "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" . . . . . ST. COLUMBA  
*stanzas 1-4*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . Dan G. Burns

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" . . . . . arr. Arnold Sevier

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light  
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
At the river, Lord, I stand, guide my feet and hold my hand.  
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . ST. COLUMBA

**Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;  
Send Your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.**

**We long to see Your churches full, that all the chosen race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing Your redeeming grace.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

STAND STRONG IN CHRIST'S WORDS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ..... John 7:1-13  
(page 892 in the church Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON                    *Misunderstood, Controversial, Fearless*                    Gerry A. Peak

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF EXULTATION: No. 301 "Join All the Glorious Names" ..... DARWALL

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fantasia on "Come, Holy Spirit," BWV 651 ..... J.S. Bach

✦Indicates congregation standing

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