

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Sermon
The Priority of Prayer

The Rev. Peter Larson

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn

Draw Me Nearer

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith,
and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine. (Refrain)

O, the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend! (Refrain)

There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee. (Refrain)

Benediction

The Rev. Peter Larson

Postlude

Kyle Mazur

Italian Hymn Edward Broughton

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Sunday, February 14, 2021

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Service

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Peter Larson

Prelude Men's Ensemble
Brethren We Have Met to Worship

*Call to Worship (Psalm 113) The Rev. Peter Larson

Leader: Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

People: Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.

Leader: From the rising of the sun, to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

People: The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

Leader: Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high?

People: Who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

Leader: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap.

People: He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children.

All: Praise the LORD!

*Opening Hymn

We Are Called to Be God's People

We are called to be God's people
Showing by our lives His grace
One in heart and one in spirit
Sign of hope for all the race
Let us show how He has changed us
And remade us as His own
Let us share our life together
As we shall around His throne

We are called to be God's servants
Working in His world today
Taking His own task upon us
All His sacred words obey
Let us rise then to His summons
Dedicate to Him our all
That we may be faithful servants
Quick to answer now His call

We are called to be God's prophets
Speaking for the truth and right
Standing firm for godly justice
Bringing evil into light
Let us seek the courage needed
Our high calling to fulfill
That we all may know the blessing
Of the doing of God's will

WE PRAY

Covenant Prayer (written by John Wesley) Rick McNeely 8:30
The Rev. Randy Fannin 10:00

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,

Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things

To thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

* Response *Make Me a Servant*

Make me a servant humble and meek

Lord let me lift up those who are weak

And may the prayer of my heart always be

Make me a servant make me a servant

Make me a servant today

Prayers of the People The Rev. John Morris

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication Cindy Jaynes 8:30
Rachel Jaynes 10:00

Offertory Men's Ensemble
Just A Little Talk With Jesus

WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading Tari Heath 8:30
Luke 12:35-48 Tom Way 10:00

³⁵ "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning,

³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding

banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immedi-

ately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants

whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell

you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the

table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those

servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in

the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹ But understand

this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief

was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰

You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an

hour when you do not expect him." ⁴¹ Peter asked, "Lord, are you

telling this parable to us, or to everyone?" ⁴² The Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? ⁴³ It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. ⁴⁴ Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁵ But suppose the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking a long time in coming,' and he then begins to beat the other servants, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk. ⁴⁶ The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers. ⁴⁷ "The servant who knows the master's will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows. ⁴⁸ But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee,
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee!

I need thee every hour, stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. (Refrain)

I need thee every hour in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide or life is vain. (Refrain)

I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son! (Refrain)

Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶