



# Sunday, March 21, 2021

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

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## WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Peter Larson

Prelude Patty Corfman  
*A Mighty Fortress is Our God* arr. Lanier

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 27:1-5;14) The Rev. Peter Larson

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?

**People:** The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and foes who will stumble and fall.

**People:** Though an army attack me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

Leader: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

**People:** He will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

Leader: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me: at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with joy.

**All:** Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord!

\*Opening Hymn

*My Savior's Love*

I stand amazed in the presence  
of Jesus the Nazarene,  
and wonder how he could love me,  
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain

How marvelous, how wonderful!  
and my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous, how wonderful  
is my Savior's love for me!

For me it was in the garden  
he prayed: "Not my will, but thine."  
He had no tears for his own griefs,  
but sweat drops of blood for mine. (Refrain)

He took my sins and my sorrows,  
he made them his very own;  
he bore the burden to Calvary,  
and suffered, and died alone. (Refrain)

When with the ransomed in glory  
his face I at last shall see,  
'twill be my joy through the ages  
to sing of his love for me. (Refrain)

## WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession The Rev. John Morris

Gracious heavenly Father, you call us to a life of discipline, obedience, commitment and duty. And yet, we want to serve you when it is comfortable, convenient and not too costly. Instead of following in your footsteps, our faith becomes a hobby, an intellectual exercise or a weekly ritual. Lord, forgive us. Remind us again what it means to be your disciples. You do not ask for a few hours a week, but for our very lives. You do not ask for our spare change, but that we store up our treasure in heaven. You do not ask for lukewarm commitment, but that we love you with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength. By your Spirit, give us grace to take up our cross and follow you. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

\* Response *Gloria Patri*  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning  
is now and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen! Amen!

Prayers of the People Rachel Jaynes

## WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication The Rev. Randy Fannin 8:30  
Dave Corfman 10:00

Offertory Patty Corfman  
*O Sacred Head Now Wounded* arr. Lanier

## WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading Mike Schneider 8:30  
*Luke 9:57-62* Brad Heath 10:00

<sup>57</sup>As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." <sup>62</sup>Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, if ever I loved thee,  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now!

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, if ever I loved thee,  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now!

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
if ever I loved thee, if ever I loved thee,  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now!

Video testimony: Rachel Jaynes

Scripture Reading

*2 Timothy 2:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>2</sup>And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. <sup>3</sup>Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.

<sup>5</sup>Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules.

<sup>6</sup>The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. <sup>7</sup>Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. <sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him. <sup>12</sup>If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; <sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

Sermon The Rev. Peter Larson  
Soldier or Civilian?

## WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*Closing Hymn

*Onward, Christian Soldiers*

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus going on before:  
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;  
forward into battle, see his banners go!