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Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow

21st Sunday after Pentecost, October 13th 2024

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *Canto de Esperanza (Song of Hope)*

Arr. S. Nelson

The Christ Church Ringers

Christine Harper, *flute*

\*Call to Worship

One: What does the Lord command of us?

All: To keep the commandments by loving God and neighbor as ourselves.

One: And how do we enter the Kingdom of God?

All: By following Christ, step by step.

One: God, keep our hearts open to you

All: And keep our lives open to one another.

**\*Hymn of Praise** 117 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

1. O God, our help in ages past,

our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,

and our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of thy throne,

still may we dwell secure;

sufficient is thine arm alone,

and our defense is sure.  
  
3. Before the hills in order stood,

or earth received her frame,

from everlasting, thou art God,

to endless years the same.  
  
4. A thousand ages, in thy sight,

are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night,

before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,

bears all who breathe away;

they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.  
  
6. O God, our help in ages past,

our hope for years to come;  
be thou our guide while life shall last,

and our eternal home.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you call us to follow your ways, drawing us into your love, ever holding us in your grace. In our worship and praise, in our living and loving, remind us that we are yours. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 18:1-6, 16-19, 48-49

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,

**my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,

so I shall be saved from my enemies.

**The cords of death encompassed me;**

**the torrents of perdition assailed me;**

the cords of Sheol entangled me;

the snares of death confronted me.

**In my distress I called upon the Lord;**

**to my God I cried for help.**

From his temple he heard my voice,

and my cry to him reached his ears.

**He reached down from on high; he took me; he drew me out of mighty waters.**

He delivered me from my strong enemy

and from those who hated me,

for they were too mighty for me.

**They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my support.**

He brought me out into a broad place;

who delivered me from my enemies;

indeed, you exalted me above my adversaries;

**you delivered me from the violent.**

**For this I will extol you, O Lord, among the nations and sing praises to your name.**

Music of Preparation *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* Arr. B. Childers

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Dedicated to the Memory of Ringer, John Hay (Johnny Ray)

Gospel Lesson Mark 10:17-31

Sermon Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow:

True Good

Musical Response

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Loving God, you call us to follow wholeheartedly, yet we confess that too often, we hold back. We cling to the stuff of life, our comfort, and our ways, rather than trust in your promises and provision. Forgive us for our lack of imagination, our fear, our hard hearts. Open us to all that is possible as we follow you! Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Christ you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, Amen

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.

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Andante Espressivo*

Stecher, Horowitz & Gordon

\*Doxology 95 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory prayer

**\*Closing Hymn**  2036 *Give Thanks*

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

give thanks to the Holy One,

give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

(repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich

because of what the Lord has done for us."

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**\*Benediction** 2186 *Song of Hope* ARGENTINA

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;

singing, share our joy with all;

working for a world that's new,

faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude *March in D Major*

Alexander Guilmant

Liturgist: Don Finch

Stephen Minister: Shawne Sidles

Golf Cart Driver: Roger Erikson

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“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Words: R. Deane Postlethaite (Dt. 32:11)

“Give Thanks”

Words: Henry Smith (Luke 1:49-53)

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