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Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow

26th Sunday after Pentecost, November 17th 2024

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

arr. Don Hustad

\*Call to Worship

One: Praise, people of God, see what the Lord has done!

All: We give thanks for God’s faithfulness, our strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow.

One: Though the world may shift and change, God’s love stands firm.

All: We celebrate, giving thanks, and trusting in the One who holds our future.

**\*Hymn of Praise** 73 *O Worship the King*

LYONS

1. O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,

pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old; hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Opening Prayer

God of steadfast love, you are our foundation when the world feels uncertain. Through every season, you have given us strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. Fill us with gratitude and vision, that we may continue to serve you with joy. Through Christ, our solid rock, we pray, amen.

Scripture Lesson 1 Samuel 2:1b-3, 7-10

Hannah prayed and said,

**“My heart exults in the Lord;  
    my strength is exalted in my God.**My mouth derides my enemies  
    because I rejoice in your victory.

**There is no Holy One like the Lord,  
    no one besides you;  
    there is no Rock like our God.**Talk no more so very proudly;  
    let not arrogance come from your mouth,  
**for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
    and by him actions are weighed.**

The Lord!  
He makes poor, gives wealth,  
    brings low, but also lifts up high! **God raises the poor from the dust,  
    lifts up the needy from the garbage pile.**God sits them with officials,  
    gives them the seat of honor!  
**The pillars of the earth belong to the Lord;  
    he set the world on top of them!**God guards the feet of his faithful ones,  
    but the wicked die in darkness  
        because no one succeeds by strength alone.

**The Lord!  
His enemies are terrified!  
        God thunders against them from heaven!**The Lord!  
    He judges the far corners of the earth!

**May God give strength to his king  
    and raise high the strength of his anointed one.**

Music of Preparation *I'm Bound for Glory* by Sally Albrecht

and Jay Althouse

The Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Mark 13:1-8

Sermon Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow: Eternal Foundations

Beth Rambikur

Musical Response

\*Passing of the Peace

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *What If I Give All?* Ray Boltz

Tom Messmore, solo

\*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.

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for new life through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Blessing our Pledges and Offertory prayer

**\*Closing Hymn** 140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;

as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

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

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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 Recessional on NUN DANKET

arr. Don Hustad

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Golf Cart Driver: Don Waugaman

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“Song of Hope”

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