



August 13, 2023 – Livestream
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Sell

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

arr. Purcell/Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Glory to the Father of mercies.

Leader: All praise to God who keeps every promise and comforts every troubled heart.

People: Glory to the God of all comfort.

*OPENING HYMN #126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,

the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:

To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,

an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.

As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:

To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,

that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:

To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;

let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!

Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:

To God all praise and glory.

OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God,

who knows us better than we know ourselves,

fill our hearts with the assurance of your grace

and fulfill our desires as may be best for us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

Kyrie
from *C Minor Mass*

W.A. Mozart
Chloe Boelter, soloist/Summer Choir

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 119:145-152

Brandon Wallace

Leader: With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord,
and I will obey your commands.

**People: I call out to you; save me
and I will keep your statutes.**

Leader: I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I have put my hope in your word.

**People: I stay awake through the watches of the night,
that I may meditate on your promises.**

Leader: Hear my voice in accordance with your love;
preserve my life, Lord, according to your justice.

**People: Those who devise wicked schemes are near me,
but they are far from your law.**

Leader: Yet you are near, Lord,
and all your commands are true.

**People: Long ago I learned from your decrees
that you established them to last forever.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 21:43-45

⁴³So the Lord gave to Israel all the land God had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. ⁴⁴And the Lord gave them rest on every side, just as had been promised to their ancestors. None of their enemies could stand against them, for the Lord helped them conquer all their enemies. ⁴⁵Not a single one of all the good promises the Lord had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything God had spoken came true.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #2272

Holy Ground

2 times

***We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunil Kotian

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2007 *Holy, Holy, Holy*
***Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!***

OFFERTORY PRAYER Brandon Wallace

OFFERTORY SOLO *O Lord on High* W. A. Mozart
Ron Berry, soloist

O Lord on high, we pray Thee guide us, and keep our souls in Thine own care;
when dark our way, with light provide us, teach us Thy righteousness to share.
Lead Thou us on through dangers lowering, be Thou our shield in fears overpowering;
Oh, let Thy mercy ever be our guard, over our life keep watch and ward.

*DOXOLOGY #94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SECOND LESSON *2 Corinthians 1:20-22*
²⁰For in Jesus Christ every one of God's promises is a 'Yes.' For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen', to the glory of God. ²⁴But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, ²²by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *A Promising God* Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #374 *Standing on the Promises*
***Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.***

**Refrain: *Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.***

***Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]***

***Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]***

***Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* arr. P. Laubengayer

God's Promises in the Bible

Are you struggling?

Philippians 4:13; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Are you worried?

1 Peter 5:7; Matthew 6:31-34; John 14:27

Are you tired?

Matthew 11:28-30; Isaiah 66:13

Are you feeling guilty and need the assurance of God's forgiveness?

1 John 1:9; Psalm 103:12; Romans 8:1

Do you need direction for your life?

Psalm 37:4-5

Are you wondering whether there is hope beyond death?

1 Peter 1:3-4; 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Are you doubting whether God answers prayer?

John 16:23-24; John 15:7

God is Faithful.

Hebrews 10:23

God's Promises in Romans Chapter 8

verses 8:1, 11, 14-16, 26, 28, 31-32, 37-38

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and with gratitude by Ruth Shaw for my beautiful family - three beautiful daughters and their husbands, ten grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and two on the way.

Upcoming Events

Farmers Market, August 17, 4:00-6:00pm

Youth Canoe Trip, August 19

Acolyte Training, August 20, 9:45-10:45am

Lydia Circle, August 22, 7:00pm

Miriam Circle, August 24, 12:30pm

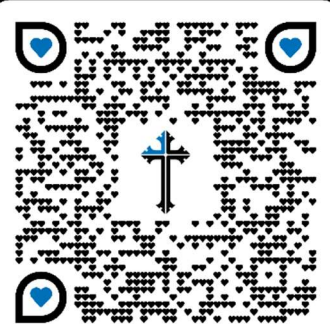
Celebration of Ministries, August 27
between services and after 11:00am service

Young Adult Canoe Trip, August 27, 3:00pm

Youth and Family Pool Party, September 3

Worship Without Walls and Cookout, September 10, 11:00am
(no 8:30am service)

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This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*

Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*

Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*

Brandon Wallace, *Minister of Youth & Young Adults*

John Hague, Eric Russell, James Horton & Allen McCormack, *Audio Visual*

Mark Gilgallon, *Music Director*

Heather Hinton, *Organist*