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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
13th Sunday after Pentecost

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10:00am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into my house and worship, says our God.

Happy are those who feel at home in God's house.

Come into my presence and be at peace, says our God.

Happy are those who enjoy God's gift of serenity.

Come and let your life be joined to mine, says our God.

Happy are those who abide in God's love.

Come and be God's honored guest, for God welcomes everyone into his house!

Happy are we, our faithful God's beloveds.

Come, let us worship God!

GATHERING PRAYER

Living God, your Son Jesus Christ has the words of eternal life. Grant that we may come to him in faith, follow him in this world, and abide with him forever in the world to come; for he dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN: #366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to the One whose eyes are open day and night to heed our cry and our prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we open our hearts and confess our sins—against you, against neighbors, and even against ourselves. For the wrongs of our minds, hearts, hands and spirits—forgive us. For our silence and lack of compassion—forgive us. For our anger and fear—forgive us. For the waste of your gifts—forgive us. For our part in the suffering of any of your children—forgive us. For all the times we do not walk the way of love—forgive us in the name of Jesus Christ who goes before us, so that we can know love. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Living God hears our cry and forgives our sin! The Lord God is a sun and shield, bestowing favor and honor on us through Christ, the bread from heaven, who brings us back to God and feeds us with his strength.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18, Ephesians 6:10-20

SERMON

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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Living God, we give you thanks for Christ, the bread from heaven, through whom we offer these gifts. Endow these gifts with your power, that they may express your steadfast love and impart your sustaining strength to all those in need. Amen.

HYMN: #838 *Standing on the Promises*

CHARGE

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power. Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm as you boldly proclaim the gospel of peace in word and deed.

BENEDICTION

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord God, my sun and shield, a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Let the favor of your presence strengthen me and accompany me everywhere I go today. Prepare me to be a sanctuary, that your light and love may radiate through me. Through Christ my Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord God my strength, your Spirit never tires; your love never fails. I bring you my struggles, stresses, questions, and worries of this day. Where else can I go? You have the words of eternal life. Let your promises sustain my soul and comfort my heart as I rest in you, through Christ my Lord. Amen.

Hymns

“Love Devine, All Loves Excelling”

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.

Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast.

Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be.

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive.

Suddenly return, and never, nevermore they temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,

pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.

Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,

till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

“Standing on the Promises”

1 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.

2 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)

3 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)

4 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)