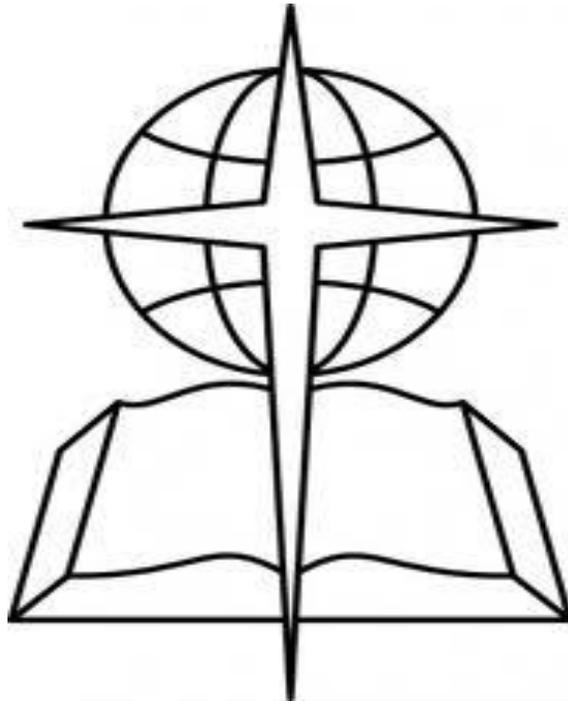


Soli Deo Gloria

To God Alone be the Glory



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Order of Worship

Call to Worship & Prayer of Praise

Psalm 28:6-9

Blessed be the LORD! **For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

The LORD is my strength and my shield; **In him my heart trusts, and I am helped;**

My heart exults, **And with my song I give thanks to him.**

The LORD is the strength of his people; **He is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Hymns of Praise

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS (*Hymn #453*)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms;

Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY (*Hymn #626*)

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,

Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story Because I know 'tis true;

It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory

To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, 'Tis pleasant to repeat

What seems each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, For some have never heard

The message of salvation From God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best

Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,

'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:12-17

¹² “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. ¹³ “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

¹⁵ “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

²⁴ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Reflection

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND (*Hymn #450*)

Precious Lord, take my hand. Lead me on, let me stand

I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light

Take my hand, precious Lord. Lead me home

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near

When my life is almost gone

Hear my cry, hear my call. Hold my hand lest I fall

Take my hand, precious Lord. Lead me on

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Scripture Readings

PHILIPPIANS 3:1-21

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, ^[e] blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

HEBREWS 13:7

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

Sermon

“Christian Heroes”

I. RECOGNIZING CHRISTIAN HEROES (Phil. 3)

A. They Lived by Faith before us...

- They are from the P_____
- They P_____ to the E_____

B.They Spoke God’s Word to us

- The G_____ of C_____
- The P_____ of the C_____

II. REMEMBERING CHRISTIAN HEROES (Heb. 13:7)

A. Remembrance in the Bible

- To C_____ someone to M_____ ...
- ...and then to A_____ on their B_____

B.How We Remember our Heroes

- C_____ the O_____ of their Lives...
- ...and then I_____ their F_____

III. RETHINKING CHRISTIAN HEROES (Matt. 7)

A. Beware of the Flashy Frauds who...

- ... E_____ Themselves and their W_____

B.Be Inspired by the Humble Heroes who bear...

- ... the Enduring F_____ of F_____ & L_____

Hymn of Response

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS (*Hymn #594*)

Faith of our fathers, living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious Word!

*Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.*

Faith of our fathers, we will strive
To win all nations unto thee;
And through the truth that comes from God,
We all shall then be truly free.

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife;
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life.

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Prayers of the Church

Doxology & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Closing Hymn

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY (*Hymn #115*)

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story, Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, Free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage Lest we miss Thy kingdom' goal.
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage That we fail not man nor Thee,
That we fail not man nor Thee.

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Benediction