

God Cares for the Widow

All Saints Day

November 1st, 2020 Sunday Worship at 10:30am



Call to Worship

One: Come, let us share the good news.

All: God's word is trustworthy and true.

One: The promise is ours to treasure.

All: God's word is trustworthy and true.

One: There is nothing to be afraid of.

All: God's word is trustworthy and true.

Gathering Songs – Grace Alone & All the People Said Amen

Grace Alone

Words and Music by Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson



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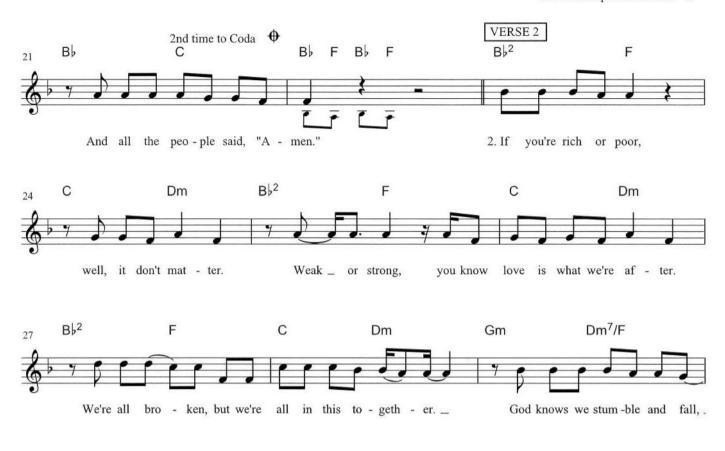
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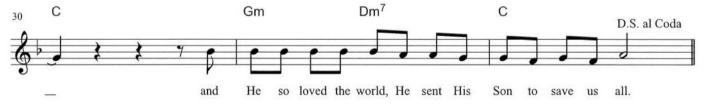
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The Story with the kids

Welcome

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Holy Spirit of God,

You blow into our lives and send us in directions we never would have gone on our own. Send us into the lives of people we don't know, people we would call 'stranger' and reveal yourself right there to us. We are no longer strangers to each other – you make us brother and sister. Amen.

Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather in the name of God the eternal Creator – Jesus Christ, God's only Son and the Holy Spirit – who is with you always... **And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness Let us confess that God is God and we are not. Silence for prayer and contemplation.

God of the covenant,

You have never failed in your promises to us, but we often fail to be your faithful people. We waste our time and resources on things which do not give life. We doubt our abilities and hide our light away from the world. We flee from your call when it doesn't appeal to us. Forgive us and call us back to your sustaining love.

God hears us when we repent and is quick to pardon our failures. Hear the words of your forgiveness and believe that you have been restored by your creator's great + mercy and compassion. Rejoice!

Amen.

Prayer of the Day Steadfast God.

You do not wish for us to struggle through this life on our own. May we accept the people and the signs you send our way to help us on the path you have set out for us, and may we trust in the mercy of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues with a reading from 1 Kings 17:1-16

Readers: Narrator: Elijah, Lord, Widow

Narrator: Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab,

Reader 1: As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.

Narrator: The word of the Lord came to him, saying,

Reader 2: Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.

Narrator: So he went and did according to the word of the Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the wadi. But after a while the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying,

Reader 2: Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.

Narrator: So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said,

Reader 1: Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.

Narrator: As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said,

Reader 1: Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.

Narrator: But she said,

All: As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

Narrator: Elijah said to her,

Reader 1: Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.

Narrator: She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

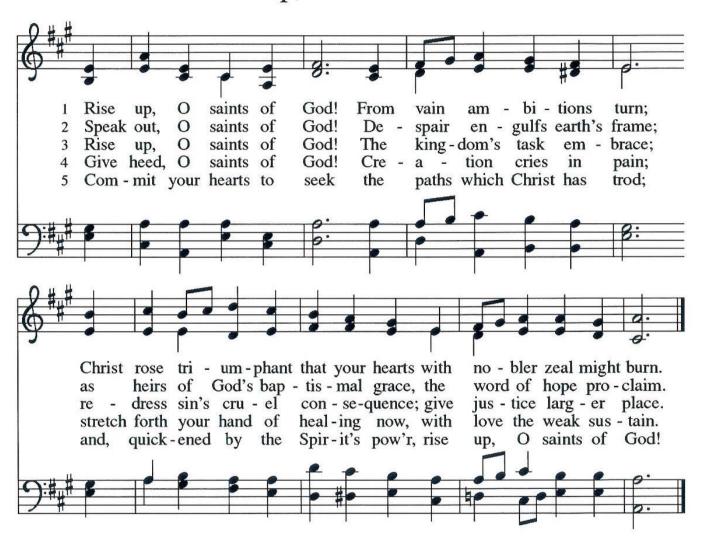
Narrator: Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn – Rise Up O Saints of God Please Stand

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



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Prayers of the People

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You will respond: Hear our prayers.

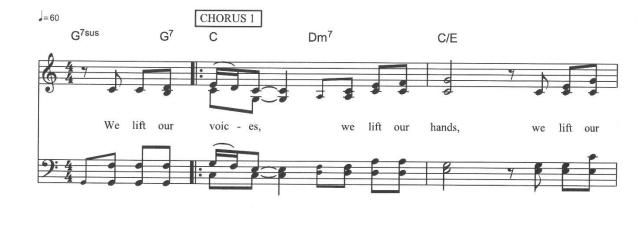
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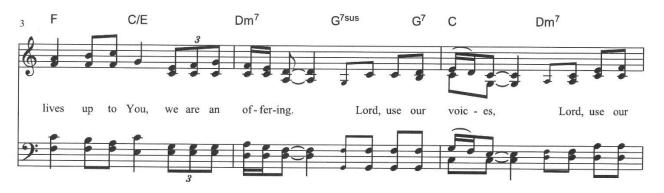
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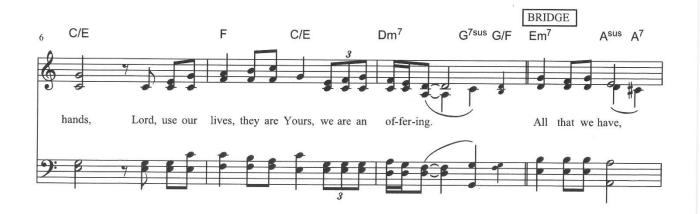
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THE FEAST

Setting the Table

Children will lead us in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

You give us every good thing for food, O Lord, including yourself in the bread and cup which we share in this meal. Feed us on your goodness and mercy, that we might be living compassion to all whom we encounter.

As we gather we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and forever. Amen. From you, through you and in you, are all things, now and always; to you be all honor and praise. Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray, Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

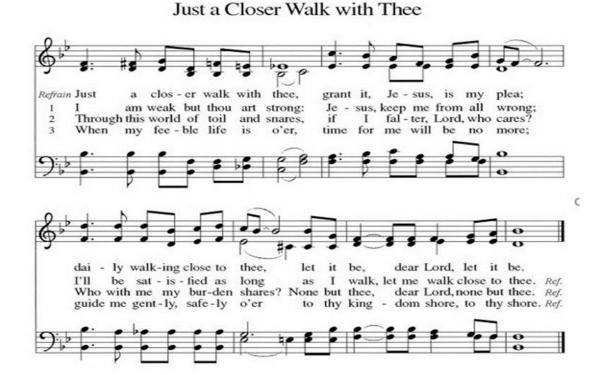
THE SENDING

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings

There are many opportunities to serve God and our neighbor – this is the time to lift those up

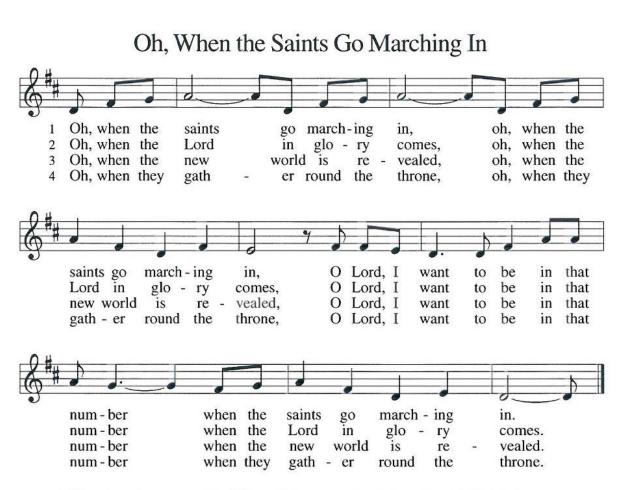
MILESTONES! Just A Closer Walk with Thee – Chorus Only



Final Blessing

May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you his favor and give you peace.

Sending Song - Oh When the Saints Go Marching In



- 5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings, oh, when they crown him King of kings, O Lord, I want to be in that number when they crown him King of kings.
- And on that hallelujah day,
 and on that hallelujah day,
 O Lord, I want to be in that number on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

Go in peace – Serve the Lord! Thanks be to God