

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**July 26, 2020**  
***The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost***  
***11:00am***  
***St. John's United Methodist Church***

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Gathering Music Jim Ahrend

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Jim Ahrend

Invocation

Call to Worship

Lord God, King of Creation, we gather in your presence.  
**Open our eyes to see your presence,**  
Open our souls to sense your presence,  
**Open our hearts to love your presence.**  
This is the day our God has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Hymn                    "O God Our Help In Ages Past"                    UMH 117

## 117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne, still may we dwell se - cure;  
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re-ceived her frame,  
 4. A thou-sand a - ges, in thy sight, are like an eve - ning gone;  
 5. Time, like an ev - er roll-ing stream, bears all who breathe a - way;  
 6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!  
 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de-fense is sure.  
 from ev - er -last -ing, thou art God, to end-less years the same.  
 short as the watch that ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 they fly for -got -ten, as a dream dies at the open-ing day.  
 be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 90)  
 MUSIC: Attr. to William Croft, 1708; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

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### Affirmation of Faith

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**We are not alone. We live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**Who has created and is creating,**

**Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

**To reconcile and make new,**

**Who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**To celebrate God's presence,**

**To love and serve others,**

**To seek justice and resist evil,**

**To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**Our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

## Invitation to Give

*Go to [stjohns-abq.org](http://stjohns-abq.org) to give online.  
You may also mail checks to: St. John's UMC, 2626 Arizona Street NE, 87110*

## Offertory Music

Bettman and Halpin

“Gospel Medley”

## Doxology

UMH 94

**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 pow'r uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Offertory Prayer

## Hymn

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

UMH 496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me  
 2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I  
 3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall

from a world of care, and bids me at my  
 feel, the bliss I share of those whose anx - ious  
 my pe - ti - tion bear to him whose truth and

Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish - es known.  
 spir - its burn with strong de - sires for thy re - turn!  
 faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has  
 With such I has - ten to the place where God my  
 And since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his

of - ten found re - lief, and oft es - caped the  
 Sav - ior shows his face, and glad - ly take my  
 word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my

tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!  
 sta - tion there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!  
 ev - ery care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of 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 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

## Scripture Lesson

Esther 4:12-14

## Message

Rev. Craig Cockrell

“For Such a Time as This”

## Invitation to Christian Discipleship

## Hymn

“Stand By Me”  
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## Benediction

## Postlude

Jim Ahrend

## Post-Service Music

Bettman and Halpin

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*Worship Leaders:  
Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley  
Jim Ahrend, Shea Perry*

## Stand By Me

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1. When the storms of life are rag-ing,  
 2. In the midst of trib - u - la-tion,  
 3. In the midst of faults and fail-ures, stand by me; (stand by me)  
 4. In the midst of per - se - cu-tion,  
 5. When I'm grow- ing old and fee-ble,

when the storms of life are rag-ing,  
 in the midst of trib - u - la-tion,  
 in the midst of faults and fail-ures, stand by me. (stand by me)  
 in the midst of per - se - cu-tion,  
 when I'm grow- ing old and fee-ble,

When the world is toss - ing me, like a ship up-on the sea,  
 When the host of hell as - sail, and my strength be-gins to fail,  
 When I've done the best I can, and my friends mis-un-der-stand,  
 When my foes in war ar - ray un - der-take to stop my way,  
 When my life be-comes a bur-den, and I'm near-ing chil - ly Jor-dan,

thou who rul - est wind and wa-ter,  
 thou who nev - er lost a bat-tle,  
 thou who know-est all a-bout me, stand by me. (stand by me)  
 thou who sav - ed Paul and Si-las,  
 O thou Lil - y of the Val-ley,

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