

# **Stronger Together- Cultivating Faith**

**"Pursue Wellness"**  
January 10, 2021  
10:30 a.m.

## ***WELCOME***

### ***OPENING SONGS "Everlasting God"***

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
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**Our God, You reign forever  
Our hope, our strong Deliverer**

**You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God  
You do not faint, You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles**

### ***"Stronger"***

**There is love that came for us,  
humbled to a sinner's cross  
You broke my shame and sinfulness  
You rose again victorious.**

**Faithfulness none can deny  
through the storm and through the fire  
There is truth that sets me free  
Jesus Christ who lives in me.**

**Chorus: You are stronger!  
You are stronger!  
Sin is broken, you have saved me!  
It is written:  
Christ is Risen!  
Jesus, You are Lord of all!**

**No beginning and no end  
You're my hope and my defense  
You came to seek and save the lost  
You paid it all upon the cross. (Chorus)**

**So let Your name be lifted higher,  
be lifted higher, be lifted higher!  
So let Your name be lifted higher  
be lifted higher, be lifted higher! (repeat)**

**(Chorus)**

## **WE CONFESS AND GOD RESPONDS**

**Pastor:** Together, we confess our lack of faith:

**People:** Lord, so often my life is consumed by my worries. I worry about my money, my relationships, my health, my family and friends; until my anxiety turns my attention completely away from You. Rather than following You, I stumble along blindly in an attempt to fix whatever is most urgent. My fears reveal a lack of trust in You and Your promises. Please give me the trusting faith to cling to Your promises.

**Pastor:** Friends in Christ, “why be like the pagans who are so deeply concerned about these things? Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.” Upon your confession, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **FIRST EPISTLE READING** Romans 12:1-2

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

## **SECOND EPISTLE READING** Philippians 2:1-11

“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

## **HOLY GOSPEL READING** Mark 12:28-31

28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” 29 Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

“Good to Me”

*I cry out  
for Your hand of mercy to heal me.  
I am weak,  
I need Your love to free me.  
Oh Lord, my Rock,  
My strength in weakness,  
Come rescue me, oh Lord. (repeat)*

**You are my hope,  
Your promise never fails me.  
And my desire  
Is to follow You forever.**

**For You are good, for You are good,  
for You are good to me.  
For You are good, for You are good,  
for You are good to me.**

## **THE MESSAGE “Pursue Wellness”**

Pastor Marty Hufford

## **SONG OF RESPONSE “Stronger”**

**So let Your name be lifted higher,  
be lifted higher, be lifted higher!  
So let Your name be lifted higher  
be lifted higher, be lifted higher! (repeat)**

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## **PRAYERS**

### **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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**Pastor:** The Lord's peace be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

We believe and teach that the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ are truly present in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Through these gifts the forgiveness of our sins is communicated and our faith is strengthened.

### **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **BLESSING**

### **CLOSING SONG "Your Grace is Enough"**

**Great is Your faithfulness, O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead me by still waters into mercy  
Where nothing can keep us apart  
So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, O God**

**Chorus:**      *Your grace is enough*  
                  *Your grace is enough*  
                  *Your grace is enough for me!*

Great is Your love and justice, God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along  
So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, O God

**(Chorus 2X)**

**Chorus II:** Yeah, your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me!

Your grace is enough,  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me!

## **OFFERINGS**

At this time, offerings may be mailed to the church:  
Address: 21W500 Butterfield Rd. Lombard, IL. 60148.

We also have the option to accept *online* offerings. A link to submit an offering online may be found in the weekly e-newsletter, or on our website: [www.peacehome.org](http://www.peacehome.org). Thank you for your faithful support!



## Public Prayer Page 1/10/2021

Peace's Prayer Ministry has a number of options available for your prayer needs: Prayer Ministers are available on an individual basis in the front of the Sanctuary after each Sunday service. During the week, you may contact the Church Office to have prayers listed on the Prayer Page and included during worship services. You may also contact the Peace Prayer Chain Ministry directly 24/7 via e-mail at [prayerchain@peacehome.org](mailto:prayerchain@peacehome.org) which goes out to over 35 partners in prayer.

### Thanksgiving

...for the birth of **Genevieve Joy K.** (daughter of Stephen and Lindsey K., granddaughter of Jim and Jan A.) born on December 30

### Healing & Care

...for **Betty**, mother of Linda P., in rehab with dementia and diagnosed with COVID

...for **Robert P.** (son of Shirley P.) recovering from kidney cancer surgery

...for **Patrick** (son of Michael and Julie P.) diagnosed with a quarter-size brain tumor and awaiting Gamma Knife Radiosurgery to stop its growth

...for **Henrik and Christa S.** (parents of Gabriella B.); pray for God's encouragement as Christa adjusts to assisted living

...for **Judy** (mother of Nick P.) undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer

...for **Mary** (mother of Donna N.) suffering from worsening dementia and for strength for Donna's father **Tom** as he cares for Mary at home

...for **Mitch K.** (Sharon Z.'s 20-year-old great-nephew) who has been diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma and having chemo treatments through July

...for **Mary Anne N.** on hospice care

### God's Comfort

...for **Andrew C. and his family** as he mourns the passing of his grandfather and grandmother

### Peace

...for a **blessed New Year**; that we never forget God's past goodness and mercy to us, but instead be led to repentance and a new commitment to make God the foundation and center of our lives this coming year