

Sermon

The Abundance of God

The Rev. Peter Larson

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*Closing Hymn

God Will Take Care of You

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,  
God will take care of you;  
beneath his wings of love abide,  
God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you,  
through every day, o'er all the way;  
he will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,  
God will take care of you;  
when dangers fierce your path assail,  
God will take care of you. (Refrain)

All you may need he will provide,  
God will take care of you;  
nothing you ask will be denied,  
God will take care of you. (Refrain)

No matter what may be the test,  
God will take care of you;  
lean, weary one, upon his breast,  
God will take care of you. (Refrain)

Benediction

The Rev. Peter Larson

Postlude

Daniel Sachs

Glorify Thy Name

Mark Hayes

\* Please stand if you are able

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Sunday, November 15, 2020

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Service

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WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. John Morris

Prelude

Daniel Sachs

*Prelude in B-flat* J.S. Bach

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 145)

The Rev. John Morris

Leader:

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

People:

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

Leader:

One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

People:

They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

Leader:

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

People:

The Lord is good to all, he has compassion on all he has made.

Leader:

All you have made will praise you, O Lord, your saints will extol you.

People:

The Lord is faithful to all his promises, and loving toward all he has made.

Leader:

The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

People:

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

Leader:

You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

All:

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

\*Opening Hymn

*Standing on the Promises*

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 Christ my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

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)

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)

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)

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Peter Larson

Gracious God and Heavenly Father, you have promised always to care for us. And yet, we do not trust in your promise. Instead of trusting in your abundance, we trust in our own bank accounts. Instead of trusting in your provision, we live in constant fear and anxiety. Instead of giving joyfully, we hold back. Instead of giving generously, we cling to our resources. Instead of living by faith, we live by sight. Lord, forgive us for our lack of faith. By your Spirit, help us to trust in You. By your grace, may we live with peace and assurance that you are able to provide for us. As you multiplied the loaves and fishes, take our meager gifts and multiply them to your glory. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

\* *Response*

*Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above, Ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Cindy Jaynes

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication

The Rev. Randy Fannin

Offertory

Rachel and Daniel Sachs

*His Eye is On the Sparrow* Mark Hayes

WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading

*Mark 6:35-44*

Skyler Gerald 8:30

Chris Dorsch 10:00

<sup>35</sup> By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. <sup>36</sup> Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup> But he answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup> “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.”

When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.” <sup>39</sup> Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. <sup>41</sup> Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, <sup>43</sup> and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. <sup>44</sup> The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Children of the heavenly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge ne’er was given

God His own doth tend and nourish  
In His holy courts they flourish  
From all evil things He spares them  
In His mighty arms He bears them

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever  
Unto them His grace He showeth  
And their sorrows all He knoweth

Though He giveth or He taketh  
God His children ne’er forsaketh  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy

Second Scripture Reading

*1 Kings 17:7-16*

<sup>7</sup> Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. <sup>8</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to him: <sup>9</sup> “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” <sup>10</sup> So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” <sup>11</sup> As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.” <sup>12</sup> “As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.” <sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’” <sup>15</sup> She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. <sup>16</sup> For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.