



June 14, 2020 Online Worship Resource

Call to Worship

People of God, bless the Lord!

Bless God's holy name!

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

So great is God's faithfulness towards us.

Let us worship!

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 God 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 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)

Call to Confession

We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as gift freely given. Confident in God's love for us, even when we do not deserve it, let us confess our sins in faith. Let us pray...

Confession

Gracious God, despite assurances that you are good and loving, we still struggle to trust you. We find it difficult to hope in what is unseen, to believe in what we cannot prove, to take the leap of faith that walking with you requires. But Lord, how we want to believe! How we want to let go of our need to control, and rest instead in your ever-loving and

gracious arms! Forgive us and free us, we pray, to trust you this day, that we may walk in the ways of faith.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received God's mercy and forgiveness.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, in the pages of Scripture we read of your call to Abram. Open our minds and hearts to also hear your call to us. You are the One who continues to invite us to take part in your divine purpose to bless all humankind with hope and healing. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Scripture

Genesis 12:10-20

Abram and Sarai in Egypt

10 Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to reside there as an alien, for the famine was severe in the land. 11 When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know well that you are a woman beautiful in appearance; 12 and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife'; then they will kill me, but they will let you live. 13 Say you are my sister, so that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared on your account." 14 When Abram entered Egypt the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. 15 When the officials of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. 16 And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female slaves, female donkeys, and camels.

17 But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. 18 So Pharaoh called Abram, and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? 19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife, take her, and be gone." 20 And Pharaoh gave his men orders concerning him; and they set him on the way, with his wife and all that he had.

Sermon

Faith: Hard but Better

Musical Meditation – Faith is Patience in the Night

Faith is patience in the night, waiting for the morning light, never giving up the fight, Spirit God, give us faith.

Faith is laughter in our pain, joy in pleasures that remain, trust in one we can't explain,

Spirit God, give us faith.

Faith is steadfast will to live, standing firm and positive, being ready still to give,

Spirit God, give us faith.

Faith is courage under stress, confidence in hopelessness, greatest gift we can possess,

Spirit God, give us faith.

Hymn – My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!

My thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;

As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;

Bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away; nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dram, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;

Blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

Prayer of Dedication

God of faith and faithfulness, thank you for these gifts. Multiply them, we pray, and enable the work of love and the righteousness of your kingdom to expand in our world, bringing hope and peace to all peoples. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benediction