

Welcome and Announcements**Opening Prayer**

Join us in signing when instructed

"Let the glory of the Lord rise among us. Let the glory of the Lord rise among us. Let the praises of our God rise among us. Let is rise. Oh let it rise. Oh let it rise."

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us. Let the songs of the Lord rise among us. Let the joy of our God rise among us. Let is rise. Oh let it rise. Oh let it rise.

Opening Song**"God Never Fails"**

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First Reading

Deuteronomy 31:1-3 & 6-8

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Second Reading**Video****Gathering Song****"We Bring The Sacrifice of Praise"**

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Sermon

"The Superpowers of Courage and Sacrifice"

Rev. Dr. Nancy Wilson

Song of Reflection**Prayers of the People**

(Join us in signing when instructed)

**"And then a hero comes along, with the strength to carry on
And you cast your fears aside, And you know you can survive
So when you feel like hope is gone, Look inside you and be
strong And you'll finally see the truth, That a hero lies in you."**

Offering**Offertory Affirmation**

Please recite with us

I am a generous person who is faithful and consistent to give what I have. I know that in providing generosity to others, I naturally make a way for generosity to be extended to me. We affirm that being generous is a superpower we can use to help others rise from the ashes.

Offertory & Doxology**Communion****Invitation****The Great Thanksgiving**

**The Holy One be with you
And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to our God.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**And, now, we will rise as we are able and pray the prayer
Jesus taught us, saying...**

***Our Creator, which 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***

**Closing Song
"The Edge of Glory"**
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Lyrics**“God Never Fails”****Congregation Is Invited To Sing Chorus:**

God Never Fails. God Never Fails. You Abide In Me. You Give Me Victory. No, God Never Fails! Just Keep The Faith, And Never Cease To Pray; Just Walk Upright, Call You Noon, Day, Or Night. You'll Be There. You'll Be There. There's No Need To Worry, For God Never Fails!

“We Bring The Sacrifice Of Praise”

We Bring The Sacrifice Of Praise Into The House Of Our God. We Bring The Sacrifice Of Praise Into The House Of Our God. And We Offer Up To You The Sacrifices Of Thanksgiving, And We Offer Up To You The Sacrifices Of Praise.
(Repeat)

“The Edge of Glory”

I'm On The Edge Of Glory And I'm Hangin' On A Moment Of Truth. I'm On The Edge Of Glory And I'm Hangin' On This Moment With You.

I'm On The Edge, I'm On The Edge Of Glory And I'm Hangin' On This Moment With You.

I'm On The Edge Of Glory And I'm Hangin' On A Moment Of Truth. I'm On The Edge Of Glory And I'm Hangin' On This Moment With You.

I'm On The Edge, I'm On The Edge Of Glory And I'm Hangin' On This Moment With You.

First Reading**Deuteronomy 31:1-3 & 6-8**

1-2: Moses went on and addressed these words to all Israel. He said, "I'm 120 years old today. I can't get about as I used to. And God told me, 'You're not going to cross this Jordan River.'

3: "God, your God, will cross the river ahead of you. . . And Joshua will cross the river before you, as God said he would."

6-8: "Be strong. Take courage. Don't be intimidated. Don't give your enemies a second thought because God, your God, is striding ahead of you. God's right there with you. The Almighty won't let you down, or leave you." Then Moses summoned Joshua. He said to him with all Israel watching, "Be strong. Take courage. You will enter the land with this people, this land that God promised our ancestors that God would give them. You will make them the proud possessors of it. God is striding ahead of you. God is right there with you. The Almighty won't let you down; or leave you. Don't be intimidated. Don't worry."

**Introduction to Video
Second Reading**

This morning we will see the ending of the movie Marvel Universe versus the Thanos Army. In this clip, one of the Avengers, Iron Man, played by Robert Downey, Jr, dies, after having saved the earth in a final display of courage and sacrifice.

In this powerful video, we experience the impact of the Avengers losing a member, the world losing a hero, a boy losing a mentor, a girl losing a father, a woman losing a husband, on and on. This is the cost of standing up to evil.

They honor their fallen hero in a scene that is Biblical in its feeling, that reminds us that to save the world requires total commitment, even from a superhero.