

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Leader: God is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble

People: Those who know You put their trust in you, for you, O God, have not forsaken those who trust in You.

Leader: Sing praises to God, who dwells in Zion!

People: Declare God's deeds among the people!

Leader: God has made God's nature known and has executed judgment, so that those who turn against God's people are snared in the work of their own hands

People: For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever

Leader: Rise up, O God, and be with us!

People: Rise up, O God, and hear our prayer! Amen!

Opening Song

"Y.M.C.C"

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First Reading

The Story of our Featured Hymn

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Transitional Music

"Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet"

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Matthew 28:16-20

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Sermon

"I Am With You Always"

Rev. Dr. Nancy Wilson

Song of Reflection

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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Prayers of the People

(Join us in singing when instructed)

God, listen to Your children praying. God, send Your Spirit in this place

God, listen to Your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace

Offering

Offertory & Doxology

Join us in singing

Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart, Give Thanks To The Holy One,

Give Thanks Because You've Given Jesus Christ Your Son.

Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart, Give Thanks To The Holy One,

Give Thanks Because You've Given Jesus Christ Your Son.

And Now Let The Weak Say "I Am Strong"; Let The Poor Say "I Am Rich"

Because Of What Our God Has Done For Us.

And Now Let The Weak Say "I Am Strong"; Let The Poor Say "I Am Rich"

Because Of What Our God Has Done For Us. Give Thanks!

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, who art in heaven

Hallowed be Your name

Your kingdom come Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory Forever. Amen

Join us in singing the Communion Song

Let us break bread together on our knees, (repeat)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O God, have mercy on me

Let us drink wine together on our knees (repeat)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O God, have mercy on me

Let us praise God together on our knees (repeat)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O God, have mercy on me.

Closing Song

"Send Us Out"

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Benediction

Lyrics

“Y.M.C.C.”

PEOPLE, THERE'S NO NEED TO FEEL DOWN
I SAY, PEOPLE, PICK YOURSELF OFF THE GROUND
I SAY, PEOPLE, CAUSE YOUR IN A NEW CHURCH THERE'S NO NEED TO BE UNHAPPY
PEOPLE, THERE'S A PLACE YOU CAN GO I SAY, PEOPLE, WHEN YOU JUST NEED TO KNOW
YOU CAN COME HERE AND I'M SURE YOU WILL FIND
THAT YOU'RE WELCOME ALL OF THE TIME
YOUR M C C COME AND VISIT YOUR M C C
YOU CAN COME AS YOU ARE AND BELIEVE AS YOU DO
THE ONLY THING THEY CARE ABOUT, THEY CARE ABOUT YOU
YOUR M C C COME AND PRAY AT YOUR M C C
COME TASTE AND SEE WHAT THE LORD'S DONE FOR ME
YOU CAN HANG OUT WITH ALL THE COOL KIDS AND IT'S FREE
PEOPLE, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME
I SAY, PEOPLE, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE
I SAY, PEOPLE, YOU CAN MAKE YOUR DREAMS REAL
BUT YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW THIS ONE THING
NO ONE DOES IT ALL BY THEMSELVES I SAY, NO ONE, SO PUT YOUR FEAR ON THE SHELF
AND JUST GO THERE TO YOUR M C C KNOW THAT THEY CAN HELP YOU FEEL FREE
YOUR M C C COME AND PRAY AT YOUR M C C
THEY HAVE EVERYTHING FOR YOUNG AND OLD TO ENJOY
YOU CAN HANG OUT WITH ALL THE COOL GIRLS AND COOL BOYS
YOUR M C C COME AND PRAY AT YOUR M C C
COME TASTE AND SEE WHAT THE LORD'S DONE FOR ME
YOU CAN NOW BE YOURSELF AND FEEL FREE AS CAN BE
PEOPLE, I WAS ONCE IN YOUR SHOES I SAY, PEOPLE, I WAS DOWN WITH THE BLUES
I FELT NO ONE CARED IF I WERE ALIVE I FELT THE WHOLE WORLD JUST PASS BY
THAT'S WHEN SOMEONE CAME UP TO ME AND SAID, COME, NOW, COME NOW TASTE AND
SEE THERE'S A PLACE HERE IT'S YOUR M C C
THEY CAN START YOU BACK ON YOUR FEET
YOUR M C C COME AND PRAY AT YOUR MCC
THEY HAVE EVERYTHING THERE FOR YOU ALL TO ENJOY
YOU CAN HANG OUT WITH ALL THE COOL GIRLS AND COOL BOYS
YOUR M C C IT'S FUN TO BE AT YOUR M C C
CELEBRATE YOUR PRIDE THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO HIDE
LOVE YOURSELF MOST OF ALL CAUSE WE'RE ALL ON YOUR SIDE
YOUR MCC THAT'S THE PLACE TO GO YOUR MCC WHEN YOU NEED TO KNOW
YOUR MCC HEARTS FILLED WITH PRIDE YOUR MCC NOW YOU HAVE ARRIVED

“The Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet”

Your Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet And A Light Unto My Path.
When I Feel Afraid, Think I've Lost My Way, Still You're There Right Beside Me,
And Nothing Will I Fear As Long As You Are Near.
Please Be Near Me To The End.

Your Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet And A Light Unto My Path.
Now I Will Not Forget Your Love For Me And Yet My Heart Forever Is Wandering.
Jesus, Be My Guide And Hold Me To Your Side, And I Will Love You To The End.

Your Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet And A Light Unto My Path.

“On Eagle's Wings”

You Who Dwell In The Shelter Of Our God, Who Abides In This Shadow For Life,
Say To Our God, “My Refuge, My Rock In Whom I Trust!”

And I Will Raise You Up On Eagle's Wings Bear You On The Breath Of Dawn,
Make You To Shine Like The Sun, And Hold You In The Palm Of My Hand.

Snares Of The Fowler Will Never Capture You, And Famine Will Bring You No Fear;
Under God's Wings Your Refuge, With Faithfulness Your Shield.

And I Will Raise You Up On Eagle's Wings Bear You On The Breath Of Dawn,
Make You To Shine Like The Sun, And Hold You In The Palm Of My Hand.

For To The Angels God's Given A Command To Guard You In All Of Your Ways;
Upon Their Hands They Will Bear You Up Unless You Dash Your Foot Against A Stone.

And I Will Raise You Up On Eagle's Wings Bear You On The Breath Of Dawn,
Make You To Shine Like The Sun, And Hold You In The Palm Of My Hand.

“God Of Grace and God Of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown the ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us, scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to love and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

God of hope, today we struggle As we claim our destiny;
In the midst of hate and anger We your people must be free!
Grant us Wisdom, grant us courage, To stand for love above all else,
To stand for love above all else!

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

“Send Us Out”

Send Us Out To Proclaim The Reign Of Your Glory,
Send Us Out To Proclaim And To Heal.
Send Us Out With Your Power And Your Authority To Overcome
And To Heal The World

Repeat

First Reading

The Story of our Featured Hymn

The hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” was written in 1930 by Harry Emerson Fosdick, who was born in 1878 and died in 1969. It was written for the dedication of the famous Riverside Church in New York City. Fosdick served as a chaplain during World War I and then was pastor of First Presbyterian Church in New York City. From this congregation he was called to pastor Park Avenue Baptist Church, which was renamed Riverside Church. Dr. Fosdick was known for being very quotable, and here are a few gems: “Hating people is like burning down your own house to get rid of a rat”

“Christians are supposed not merely to endure change, nor to ever profit by it, but to cause it” And, “The world is moving so fast these days that the one who says it can’t be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it!”

As we sing this hymn, after the sermon today, it is helpful to remind ourselves of the events that shaped the “hour” and the “days” that provide the context for this great hymn.

“God of Grace and God of Glory” was written while the United States was in the throes of the Great Depression between the two World Wars. Fosdick was a champion of the social gospel, a movement that recognized the plight of the poor.

Carlton Young has noted: “Fosdick’s stirring radio sermons, books, and public pronouncements established Riverside as a forum for the critique of the same wealth and privilege whose gifts had made possible the building of the church.

“Under his leadership Riverside Church was interdenominational, interracial, without a creed, and, astonishingly for Baptists, required no specific mode of baptism. At the center of Fosdick’s ministry was urban social ministry.”

Fosdick was perhaps the most vocal proponent of the social gospel of his time—a position that brought both wide acclaim and broad disdain. The language of the hymn is ultimately that of petition. “Grant us wisdom, grant us courage” concludes each stanza with the effect of a refrain.

We are reminded today that the hymn tune that became the most popular setting for these words, is meant not to be played too fast, so the congregation can really absorb the words as they are singing!

The 3rd verse we sing today was added especially for Pride, by Rev. Nancy.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28: 16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Creator and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”