

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Join us in singing

"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 it rise. Oh let it rise. Oh let it rise."

Leader: God, there is so much to do to combat the harm in our world.

People: God, give us energy and stamina to engage in the work of justice and hope.

Leader: God, we see violence all around us from the church house to the schoolhouse.

People: God, protect us all from all forms of violence so we can be hope bearers in our community.

Leader: God, divisiveness is the accepted cultural contact in our culture.

People: God, give us hearts and minds who are willing to stay in the conversation with those who we don't agree with.

Leader: God, messiness abounds in our interactions with others.

People: God, help make messy staying a paramount value in our relationships.

Leader: God, struggle teems in all directions.

People: God, in our present struggles allow us to know our perseverance may help others in ways we cannot imagine. Amen.

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"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 it 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 it rise. Oh let it rise. Oh let it rise."

Opening Song

"Enter Rejoice And Come In"

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First Reading

Hebrews 12:1-3

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Second Reading

Introduction and Video

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Gathering Song

"Guide My Feet"

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Sermon

"Humility and Persistence"

Rev. Rick Rhen-Sosbe

Song of Reflection

Prayers of the People (Join us in singing 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, 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

Closing Song

"The Edge of Glory"

See next page for lyrics

Benediction

Lyrics**“Enter Rejoice And Come In”**

Enter, Rejoice, And Come In. Enter, Rejoice And Come In.
Today Will Be A Joyful Day; Enter, Rejoice And Come In.

Open Your Ears To The Song. Open Your Ears To The Song.
Today Will Be A Joyful Day; Enter, Rejoice And Come In.

Open Your Hearts Ev'ryone. Open Your Hearts Ev'ryone.
Today Will Be A Joyful Day; Enter, Rejoice And Come In.

Don't Be Afraid Of Some Change. Don't Be Afraid Of Some Change.
Today Will Be A Joyful Day; Enter, Rejoice And Come In.

Enter, Rejoice, And Come In. Enter, Rejoice And Come In.
Today Will Be A Joyful Day; Enter, Rejoice And Come In.

“Guide My Feet”

Guide My Feet While I Run This Race, Guide My Feet While I Run This Race,
Guide My Feet While I Run This Race, For I Don't Want To Run This Race In Vain.

Hold My Hand While I Run This Race, Hold My Hand While I Run This Race,
Hold My Hand While I Run This Race, For I Don't Want To Run This Race In Vain.

I'm Your Child While I Run This Race, I'm Your Child While I Run This Race,
I'm Your Child While I Run This Race, For I Don't Want To Run This Race In Vain.

Stand By Me While I Run This Race, Stand By Me While I Run This Race,
Stand By Me While I Run This Race, For I Don't Want To Run This Race In Vain.

“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, The Edge, The Edge,
The Edge, The Edge, The Edge, 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.
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**First Reading
Hebrews 12:1-3**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider Jesus who endured such hostility against himself . . . so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

**Second Reading
Introduction to video**

Our movie clip this morning comes from “Ant Man” which was released in 2015. Ant Man is armed with a super-suit that gives him the astonishing ability to shrink in scale but increase in strength, cat burglar Scott Lang must embrace his inner hero and help his mentor, Dr. Hank Pym, pull off a plan that will save the world.

In this clip, you will see Ant Man trying on his suit for the first time and discovering some of what the suit does.

We are often taught we should be larger than life and rise up and make a name for ourselves and to become successful. Societal pressures can lead us to feeling small if we don't attain what others believe we should reach. But perhaps being small isn't a negative. thing. Perhaps being humble and unassuming are more endearing traits to possess.

When we become small in a healthy sense; when we practice true and genuine humility, we are perhaps understanding more fully what Jesus meant when he said,
“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”