

3. And though this world, the devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us:  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us:  
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, For, lo! His doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly pow'rs,  
No thanks to them, abideth:  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through Him who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.

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**MESSAGE OF THE DAY**  
“**CORNELIUS—A MAN OF GOD**” (Text: Acts 10:1-2)  
*The Rev. Peter Gueldner*  
**(Please stand)**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostles’ Creed***  
**C. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**  
P. Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...  
**C. 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

**BENEDICTION**  
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ + and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C. Amen.**  
**(Please sit)**

**CLOSING SONG**  
“**He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands**” (sts. 1-4)  
1. He’s got the whole world in His hands,  
He’s got the whole wide world in His hands,  
He’s got the whole world in His hands,  
He’s got the whole world in His hands.

2. He’s got the wind and rain in His hands,  
He’s got the sun and the moon in His hands,  
He’s got the wind and rain in His hands,  
He’s got the whole world in His hands.

3. He’s got the tiny little baby in His hands,  
He’s got the tiny little baby in His hands,  
He’s got the tiny little baby in His hands,  
He’s got the whole world in His hands.

4. He’s got you and me, brother, in His hands,  
He’s got you and me, sister, in His hands,  
He’s got you and me, brother, in His hands,  
He’s got the whole world in His Hands. *Public domain*

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!  
**C. Thanks be to God!**

\* \* \* **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** \* \* \*

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**CONNECTION SERVICE**  
August 10, 2025  
10:30am



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP SONG “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”**  
**Chorus**  
Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul,  
Worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship Your holy Name.

**Verse 1**  
The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. **Chorus**

**Verse 2**  
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Chorus**

**Verse 3**  
And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come;  
Still, my soul sings Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

**Final Chorus**  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
Worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I worship Your holy Name.  
Yes, I will worship Your holy Name.  
Lord, I worship Your holy name.

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**INVOCATION**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

**CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ’s sake.

**C. Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.**

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, “You are forgiven.” In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**(Please sit)**

**FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

L. Here ends the first reading.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

<sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the sea-shore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

L. Here ends the second reading.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**(Please stand)**

**GOSPEL READING Luke 12:35-40**

<sup>35</sup>[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them.

<sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

**C. Praise to You, O Christ.**

**(Please sit)**

**TITHES & OFFERING**

“In the Sweet By and By” *Emma, piano*  
*(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE SONG “A Mighty Fortress” sts. 1-4**

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing:  
Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing:  
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe:  
His craft and pow’r are great, And, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing:  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God’s own choosing:  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

*(continued...)*