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9:15 AM - October 19, 2025 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

ALIVE! Worship Service

INTRODUCTION

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

The Lord Is My Song

ALIVE sings once, Congregation sings twice

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

Detailed description: This musical score is for the hymn 'The Lord Is My Song'. It is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo and mood are indicated by the lyrics. The score consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.' and 'The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.'

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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Kum Ba Yah

Verse

Kum ba yah my Lord
Kum ba yah
Kum ba yah my Lord
Kum ba yah
Kum ba yah my Lord
Kum ba yah
O Lord kum ba yah

Verse

Someone's prayin' Lord
Kum ba yah
Someone's prayin' Lord
Kum ba yah
Someone's prayin' Lord
Kum ba yah
O Lord kum ba yah

Verse

Someone needs You Lord
Kum ba yah
Someone needs You Lord
Kum ba yah
Someone needs You Lord
Kum ba yah
O Lord kum ba yah

Verse

Someone's singing Lord
Kum ba yah
Someone's singing Lord
Kum ba yah
Someone's singing Lord
Kum ba yah
O Lord kum ba yah

Thy Word



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be -



side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.



Please be near me to the end.



2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is



wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and



I will love you to the end.

Text: Psalm 119:105, refrain; Michael W. Smith, stanzas
Music: Amy Grant

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PEACE

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Whether by Blood or Baptism, we are family here. Let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE

Great Is the Lord

C Dm G/B C

Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his

F/A G F C/E Dm⁷ C C Dm

pow - er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is

G/B C F/A G

faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is

F C/E Dm⁷ C Bb/C F/C Bb/C F C/E Dm⁷ C

love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.

Bb/C F/C Bb/C G/C C Bb/C F/C Bb/C

Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now

D G E Am Dm Gsus G

lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the

Am Am⁷/G Dm Gsus G C Csus C

Lord! Great is the Lord!

A READING

Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from Genesis.

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

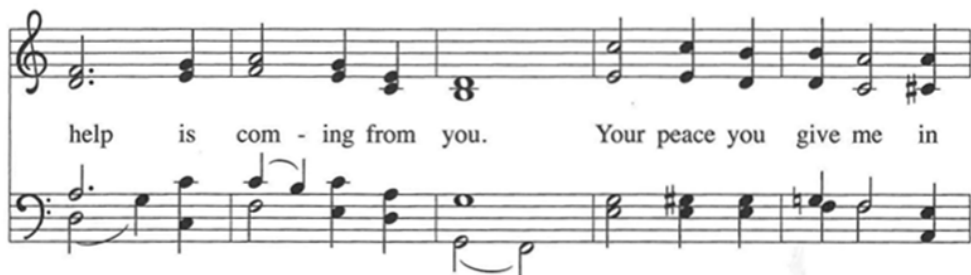
Thanks be to God.

PSALM HYMN

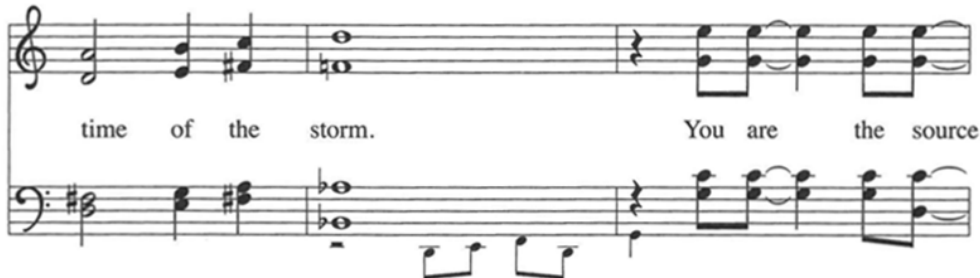
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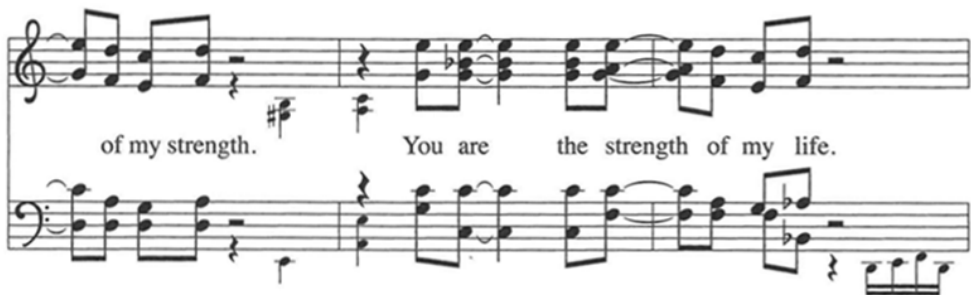
Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, know - ing my



help is com - ing from you. Your peace you give me in



time of the storm. You are the source



of my strength. You are the strength of my life.

Text: Richard Smallwood, b. 1948

Music: Richard Smallwood; arr. Stephen F. Key

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TOTAL PRAISE
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I lift my hands in to - tal praise to you. you.

A - men. A - men, a - men. A - men. A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

men. A - men, a - men. men. men. A - men. men. A - men, a - men. men.

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GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

ANTHEM

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Only By Grace

On-ly by grace can we en - ter, on - ly by grace can we stand;
not by our hu - man en - deav - or,
but by the blood of the Lamb. In - to your pres - ence you call
us, you call us to come.
In - to your pres - ence you draw us, and now by your grace we come,
now by your grace we come. *Fine*
Lord, if you mark our trans - gres - sions, who would
stand? Thanks to your grace we are cleansed
by the blood of the Lamb. *D.C. al fine*

Text: Gerrit Gustafson

Music: ONLY BY GRACE, Gerrit Gustafson

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Your Will Be Done

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Text: South African, based on the Lord's Prayer

Music: MAYENZIWE, South African traditional, as taught by Gobingca George Mxadana; transc. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
² My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
⁴ Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;
⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
⁶ the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.
⁸ The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: John Latham, Buzz Miller, Peryn Sulser, Hayden Wolfe, Debbie McLeod, Barbara Bussing, Michael Hash, Taylor Hash, Laurie Culpepper, Antonio Lyons, Emma Lyons, Megan Lyons, Jennifer Brazell, Alison Post, Cheyenne Steele, Butch Swygert, Garrett Haltiwanger.

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