

# Order of Worship for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021, 8:30 am

You are invited to speak the words in **bold**. + Please stand as you are able.

## Musicians

Chris Garofalo, Director of Music Ministry, Piano • Marty Matutis, Cantor

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### Prelude

*Peace Piece*

by Bill Evans

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### Welcome

with Pastor Hannah

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### + Call to Worship

with Pastor Hannah

Though storms rage around me, I will clothe myself with the whole armor of God.

***I will fasten the belt of truth about my waist.***

I will place strength and determination as my shoes to aid me in my ministry and mission for God.

***I will take up the shield of faith with which I shall defend against evil ways.***

I will pray diligently at all times, offering prayers and supplication to God.

***The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit will accompany me on my journey.***

Be strong in the Lord who provides for your every need.

***I place my confidence and trust in God always. Amen.***

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### + Opening Hymn

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

UMH 110

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### Verse 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 power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

### Verse 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.

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## Verse 3

And though this world, with 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.

## Opening Prayer

with Pastor Jeremiah

Holy One of mystery and power, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below, keeping covenant and steadfast love with all who walk before you with pure and upright hearts. Fill our lives with your glory, as you filled the temple with cloud when Solomon first brought the ark into your holy dwelling place. Give us the strength and the power to withstand the forces of evil at work in our lives and in our world. Amen.

## + Passing of the Peace

with Pastor Jeremiah

## Song

*Where Children Belong*

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This, this is where children belong,  
welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.  
Water, God's Word,  
bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
this is where children belong.

## Time for Young Disciples

with Beth Hagemeyer

## Scripture

Ephesians 6:10-20

with Brenda DeGeer

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes

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for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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## Sermon

*Be Strong in the Lord*  
with Pastor Jeremiah

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## + Hymn of Response

*My Life Is In You, Lord*  
TFWS 2032

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## Refrain [x2]

My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord.  
My hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.

## Verse

I will praise you with all of my life,

I will praise you with all of my strength.  
With all of my life, and all of my strength,  
all of my hope is in you.

## Refrain

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## Pastoral Prayer

with Pastor Hannah

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## The Lord's Prayer

with Pastor Hannah

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

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## Offering Invitation

with Pastor Hannah

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## Offertory

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*

by Charles H Gabriel & Mrs C D Martin

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## + Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## Announcements

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## + Hymn of Sending Forth

*Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

UMH 513, verses 1, 2 & 4

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### Verse 1

Soldiers of Christ, arise,  
and put your armor on,  
strong in the strength which God supplies  
thru his eternal Son;  
strong in the Lord of Hosts,  
and in his mighty power,  
who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
is more than conqueror.

### Verse 2

Stand then in his great might,  
with all his strength endued,  
but take to arm you for the fight  
the panoply of God;  
that having all things done,  
and all your conflicts passed,  
ye may o'ercome thru Christ alone  
and stand entire at last.

### Verse 4

From strength to strength go on,  
wrestle and fight and pray,  
tread all the powers of darkness down  
and win the well-fought day.  
Still let the Spirit cry  
in all his soldiers, "Come!"  
till Christ the Lord descends from high  
and takes the conquerors home.

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## + Benediction

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## Postlude

*Reflections in D*

by Duke Ellington

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