

August 24, 2025 Liturgy

## GOD WELCOMES US

Welcome, God's Greeting, Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 40 NIV I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

**He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him. Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord ....**

### ***How Firm a Foundation***

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord  
is laid for your faith in His excellent word  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with you O be not dismayed  
for I am your God and will still give you aid  
I'll strengthen you help you and cause you to stand  
upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow  
For I will be with you in trouble to bless  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not I will not desert to its foes  
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

### ***God is For Us***

We won't fear the battle, We won't fear the night,  
We will walk the Valley with You by our side  
You will go before us, You will lead the way,  
We have found a refuge only You can save

**Sing with joy now our God is for us,  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now no love is greater,  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us**

Even when I stumble, Even when I fall,  
Even when I turn back still Your love is sure  
You will not abandon, You will not forsake,  
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace **(Chorus)**

Neither height nor depth can separate us,  
Hell and death will not defeat us,  
He who gave His Son to free us holds me in His love

### **Chorus 2x**

Psalm 121 NIV I look up to the mountains. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord. He is the Maker of heaven and earth. He won't let your foot slip. He who watches over you won't get tired. In fact, he who watches

over Israel won't get tired or go to sleep. The Lord watches over you .... The Lord will watch over your life no matter where you go, both now and forever.

***I Lift My Eyes Up***

I lift my eyes up to the mountains;  
where does my help come from?  
My help comes from you, Maker of heaven,  
Creator of the earth. (repeat)

Oh, how I need you, Lord. You are my only hope;  
you're my only prayer.  
So I will wait for you to come and rescue me.  
Come and give me life.

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Old Testament story – Joshua 1:1-10:

Joshua 1 (New Living Translation) The Lord's Charge to Joshua

After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, *"Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you—from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.'* No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.

*"Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be*

*successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*

Joshua then commanded the officers of Israel, *“Go through the camp and tell the people to get their provisions ready. In three days you will cross the Jordan River and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you.”*

Prayer of Confession

## GOD GIVES US HIS WORD

Message text: Matthew 14:22-33 p. 790

Message title: *"Words to Live By"*

### ***Mighty to Save***

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing;  
let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour,  
the hope of nations.

**Saviour, he can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save,**

**he is mighty to save. Forever author of salvation, he rose and  
conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave.**

So take me as you find me,  
all my fears and failures; fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow everything I believe in. Now I surrender,

**(Chorus)**

**Bridge**

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
we're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus!

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
we're singing for the glory of the risen King. **(Chorus + Bridge )**

Prayers of the People

GOD SENDS US TO SERVE

Offering: Indwell

Benediction

***Lord We Hear Your Word With Gladness***

Lord, we hear your Word with gladness:  
you have spoken—we rejoice:  
words of love and life and freedom—  
help us make their truth our choice!

Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;  
spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.

May obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our  
own. You have spoken; yours the fullness, ours the wealth of this,  
your Word. Debtors, then, as living letters, we must make your  
gospel heard! By your Spirit's power transform us; shed your  
saving light abroad till our lives by love in action  
show our world the truth of God!