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SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand either in body or spirit*

PRELUDE #677 *Let There Be Peace on Earth (All welcome to Sing)* v.1

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

PEOPLE: **But the LORD shall endure forever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment. And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.**

LEADER: The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

PEOPLE: **And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #543** *Blessed Assurance* vs. 1&3

Call to Reconciliation

One: Jesus sleeps at the back of the boat as the storm rages around it. The disciples fearing for their very lives wake their master and proclaim. "Do you not see we are dying?"

All: As the storm rages all around us today aren't we not tempted to cry out "Do You not see we are dying!?" Perhaps when will this storm end? Know that God is here, ever present in our time of trouble. Waiting for us to call out to Him, for Him to end our storm.

A moment of Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news, people of God! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Let us rejoice and go forward spreading the good news.

Children's Sermon: Marcia Merritt

HYMN OF PRAISE #552 *Standing on the Promises* vs. 1&3

Scripture: Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:36-41

Sermon Title: God is with Us in the Storm Kurt Habeck

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

God has provided us with love and guidance, let us now offer to others our offerings as an expression of our love for you.

Musical Offering *Jesus is my Lord*

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Our most awesome and heavenly father, thank you for your love. We pray that our offerings today be used to show this love to others and to help us continue to worship you here. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, we pray for all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today. We pray for all the servicemen and women who currently are serving to protect us. We also pray for their families to have strength and peace in their lives. We ask that you give your love and support to all our military families.

We include the names of all those mentioned today and all those in our hearts who need your care.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

***CLOSING HYMN #720** *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* vs. 1-3

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE #490 *Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant* vs. 2, 3 & 5

Attributions:

Prelude

#677 Let There Be Peace on Earth vs.1

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Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1873)

Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1873)

Chalice Hymnal

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Musical Offering Jesus is my Lord

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POSTLUDE Let there Be Peace on Earth

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PRELUDE Let there Be Peace On Earth

v. 1 As the deer panteth for the water,
so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

OPENING HYMN # 543 Blessed Assurance vs. 1&3

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1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.

I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

Source: Voices Together #435

HYMN OF PRAISE #552 Standing on the Promises vs. 1&3

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1 Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

[Refrain:]

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

CLOSING HYMN #720 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies vs. 1-3

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1 O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

2 O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine.

3 O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,

undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.