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# Trust God to Go with Us

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Today's Lay Reader: Lynn Caterson

## Welcome

## Prelude

Meditation on "Bread of Life"

Jack C. Goode

## Call to Worship

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** **We come, ready to learn what the Bible says we should do when we are tired.**

**Leader:** No matter what, we should look for God's presence, and turn to God's Word for guidance.

**People:** **In good times and bad, we trust in God. When life gets hard, and even when we make mistakes, God is still here with us!**

Hymn

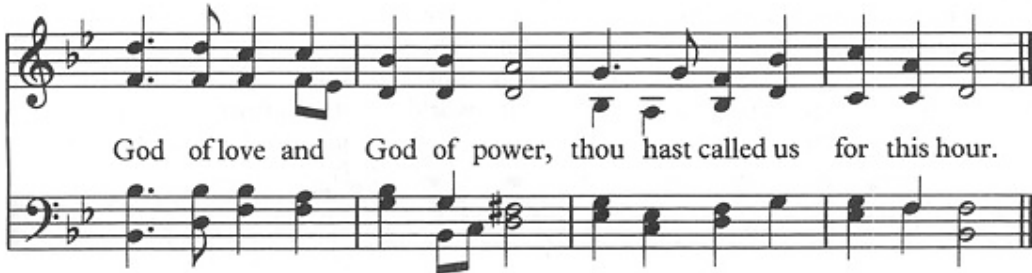
God of Love and God of Power



1. God of love and God of power, grant us in this burn-ing hour  
2. We are not the first to be ban-ished by our fears from thee;  
3. All our lives be - long to thee, thou our fi - nal loy - al - ty;  
4. God of love and God of power, make us wor-thy of this hour;



grace to ask these gifts of thee, dar - ing hearts and spir - its free.  
give us cour-age, let us hear heav-en's trum-pets ring-ing clear.  
slaves are we when - e'er we share that de - vo - tion an - y - where.  
of-fering lives if it's thy will, keep-ing free our spir - its still.



God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

Opening Prayer

Thank you, God, for being with us everywhere we go. Thank you for calling us to rest when we need it. Thank you for the hope you give us. And thank you for giving us this church family. Every person we worship with is special and loved. Help us to find rest and your presence in all our journeys. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Chorus**

In the Name of the Lord

*(sing twice)*

There is strength in the name of the Lord.  
There is power in the name of the Lord.  
There is hope in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### **Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev**

**Scripture Lesson**

Genesis 28:10-22

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed[c] in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house, and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Message**

*Trust God to Go with Us*

**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Todd Kendall

**Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## A Service of Word and Table

Please see the Communion Liturgy on [page 6](#) of this document.

Hymn

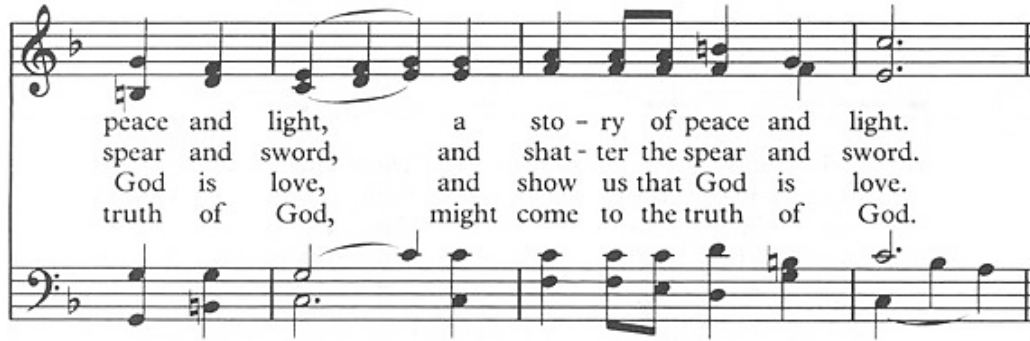
We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

(verses 1 and 4)

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions,  
2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions,  
3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions,  
4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions,

that shall turn their hearts to the right, a  
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a  
that the Lord who reign - eth a - bove hath  
who the path of sor - row hath trod, that

sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, a sto - ry of  
song that shall con - quer e - vil and shat - ter the  
sent us his Son to save us, and show us that  
all of the world's great peo - ples might come to the



peace and light, a sto - ry of peace and light.  
spear and sword, and shat - ter the spear and sword.  
God is love, and show us that God is love.  
truth of God, might come to the truth of God.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Postlude in G**

**Gustav Merkel**

## A Service of Word and Table

### Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### Confession and Pardon

**People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are all forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! All: Thanks be to God!**

### The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation, and concludes: And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

*The people sing their response:*

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of  
power and might. Heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - - - - -  
- ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -  
est! Blest is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

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*The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes: And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and*

living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*The people sing their response:*

## Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,  
Christ will come a - gain. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

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*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.*

**ALL: Amen!**

**Breaking the Bread**

**Giving the Cup**