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# *Come and Worship the Lord*

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Today's Lay Reader: Eileen Benner

### **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am 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 as God's thankful people!**

**Leader:** We are thankful that God provides everything we need for healthy living.

**People:** **God only provides good things. When we have faith in God, we are healthier. When we stray from God, our health declines.**

**Prelude**

Prelude in E Minor

J. S. Bach

## Hymn

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in a - ges past,  
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne,  
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood,  
 4. A thou - sand a - ges, in thy sight,

our hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 still may we dwell se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 or earth re - ceived her frame, from ev - er - last - ing,  
 are like an eve - ning gone; short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.

## Opening Prayer

Lord, thank you for waking us up this morning! Thank you for calling us to the sanctuary and to our screens to connect with you and your people. We thank you for the things that lift us up, and we give to you the things that weigh us down. You provide the good stuff that leads to physical and mental health. Almighty God, equip us, strengthen us and then send us! Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

### Chorus

### Holy Ground

This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground,  
For the Lord is here and where He is, is holy. *(repeat)*

These are holy hands, He's given us holy hands,  
He works through these hands and so these hands are holy. *(repeat)*

## Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

### Scripture Lesson

### Daniel 1:8-21

But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the royal rations of food and wine, so he asked the palace master to allow him not to defile himself. Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion from the palace master. The palace master said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king; he has appointed your food and your drink. If he should see you in poorer condition than the other young men of your age, you would endanger my head with the king." Then Daniel asked the guard whom the palace master had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: "Please test your servants for ten days. Let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. You can then compare our appearance with the appearance of the young men who eat the royal rations and deal with your servants according to what you observe." So he agreed to this proposal and tested them for ten days. At the end of ten days it was observed that they appeared better and fatter than all the young men who had been eating the royal rations. So the guard continued to withdraw their royal rations and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables. To these four young men God gave knowledge and skill in every aspect of literature and wisdom; Daniel also had insight into all visions and dreams.

At the end of the time that the king had set for them to be brought in, the palace master brought them into the presence of Nebuchadnezzar, and the king spoke with them. Among them all, no one was found to compare with Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they were stationed in the king's court. In every matter of wisdom and understanding concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom. And Daniel continued there until the first year of King Cyrus.

### Duet

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore  
*Eva McKnight and Alice Woods*

Gabarain

Message

# Daniel Eats the Good Stuff

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Tranquility

Charles Talmadge

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!

Hymn

## God Will Take Care of You

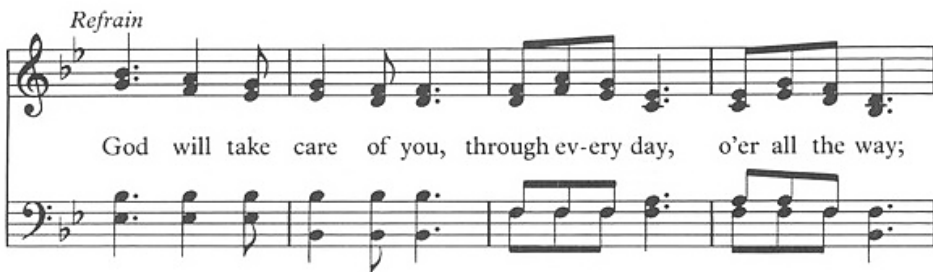


1. Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;  
2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;  
3. All you may need he will pro-vide, God will take care of you;  
4. No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;



be-neath his wings of love a-bide, God will take care of you.  
when dan-gers fierce your path as-sail, God will take care of you.  
noth-ing you ask will be de-nied, God will take care of you.  
lean, wea-ry one, up-on his breast, God will take care of you.

*Refrain*



God will take care of you, through ev-ery day, o'er all the way;

he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the lyrics are placed below it. The lyrics are: "he will take care of you, God will take care of you." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a fermata over the final note.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Prelude in B-flat Major

J. S. Bach