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# On the Go with Deborah

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Today's Lay Reader: Judy Pine

## Welcome

## 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 worship, serve and learn!**

**Leader:** These are lessons we learn from Biblical role models like Deborah. God often chooses the unexpected people to do the greatest things. So never think it can't be you!

**People:** **It can be me. It can be the person in front of me, behind me, or next to me. It can be a person on the other side of the room. It could be one of our Young Disciples! Only God knows! Amen.**

## Hymn

## Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

(verses 1, 3, and 4)

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

## Pastoral Prayer

# The Lord's Prayer

**Women's Chorus**      Peace Like a River / Amen      arr. Douglas Wagner

## Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

## Scripture Lesson Judges 4:4-11

At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.' " Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go." And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh, and ten thousand warriors went up behind him, and Deborah went up with him.

Now Heber the Kenite had separated from the other Kenites, that is, the descendants of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, and had encamped as far away as Elon-bezaananim, which is near Kedesh.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God  
**People: Thanks be to God**

**Message**

# On the Go with Deborah

**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**

Faith of Our Fathers

arr. Don Hustad

**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**

Faith of Our Fathers

1. Faith of our fa - thers,\* liv - ing still, in spite of dun - geon,  
2. Faith of our fa - thers, we will strive to win all na - tions  
3. Faith of our fa - thers, we will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy  
un - to thee; and through the truth that comes from God,  
all our strife; and preach thee, too, as love knows how

*Refrain*

when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word!  
we all shall then be tru - ly free. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by kind - ly words and vir - tuous life.



## Benediction

## Postlude

Fuge in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude