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Wise Generosity

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Today's Lay Reader: David Wade

Welcome

Prelude

Amazing Grace

arr. Dale Wood

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!

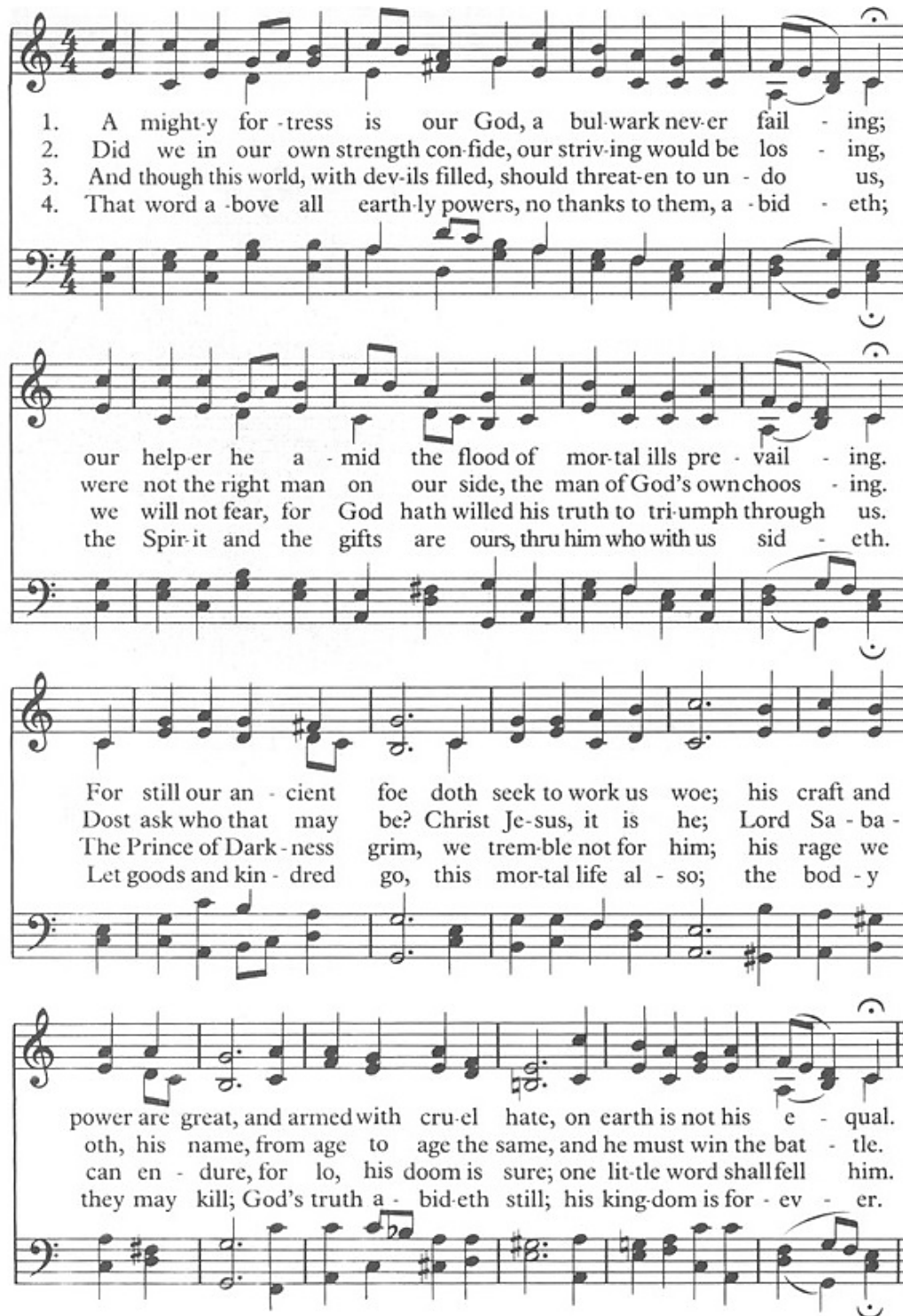
People: **We come to worship the God who blesses open hands and generous hearts.**

Leader: Let us bring our praise, our gratitude, and our gifts to God, for in giving, we receive His life and joy.

People: **We worship the Lord, our source of blessing, our provider, and our strength.**

Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth;

our help-er he a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through us.
 the Spir-it and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sid-eth.

For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sa-ba-
 The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so; the bod-y

power are great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e-qual.
 oth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.
 can en-dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit-tle word shall fell him.
 they may kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still; his king-dom is for-ev-er.

Opening Prayer

Lord, you have been so generous to us. You have given us life, air, food, water, friends and family. You have given us everything we need to enjoy this life, and prepare for eternal life. Even when we mess up, still you are generous. Pour out a generous amount of your Holy Spirit on Chase and Parker today as they get baptized. In them, you have given a great gift of love and joy to the church and to the world! Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Chase Seidel, Parker Seidel

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Something Beautiful

(sing twice)

Some - thing beau - ti - ful, some - thing good;

all my con - fu - sion he un - der - stood;

all I had to of - fer him was bro - ken - ness and



Senior Choir

His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful

John Innes

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 11:24-28

Some give freely yet grow all the richer;
others withhold what is due and only suffer want.
A generous person will be enriched,
and one who gives water will get water.
The people curse those who hold back grain,
but a blessing is on the head of those who sell it.
Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor,
but evil comes to the one who searches for it.
Those who trust in their riches will wither,
but the righteous will flourish like green leaves.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message

Wise Generosity

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

I Am His and He Is Mine

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

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

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

(verses 1, 3, and 4)

1. Ye watch-ers and ye ho-ly ones, bright ser-aphs, cher-u-bim, and
 2. O high-er than the cher-u - bim, more glo-rious than the ser-a -
 3. Re-spond, ye souls in end-less rest, ye pa-tri-archs and proph-ets
 4. O friends, in glad-ness let us sing, su - per-nal an-thems ech-o-

thrones, raise the glad strain, Al-le - lu - ia! Cry out, do-min-ions,
 phim, lead their prais - es, Al-le - lu - ia! Thou bear-er of th'e -
 blest, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Ye ho-ly twelve, ye
 ing, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! To God the Fa-ther,

Refrain (Harmony)

prince-doms, powers, vir-tues, arch-an-gels, an-gels' choirs:
 ter-nal Word, most gra-cious, mag-ni-fy the Lord: Al-le - lu - ia!
 mar-tyrs strong, all saints tri-um-phant, raise the song:
 God the Son, and God the Spir-it, Three in One:

Unison

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Benediction

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress

arr. Lani Smith