



***Offering Jesus Christ to everyone through worship, prayer, study, mission, and fellowship.***

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Preparation for Worship

In our darkest hours, God's light continues to shine. In our weariest moments, God's strength is enough. In our times of greatest isolation, God's presence is always near.

--M. Scifres

Announcements

Focus Scripture

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

Come, all who are weary.

***Christ strengthens us with love and grace.***

In this strength, we can do all things.

***We are ready to receive God's blessings today!***

\*Hymn

*How Can We Name a Love*

No.

111

1 How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind, indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find? Within our daily world, in every human face, Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the commonplace.

2 If we awoke to life built on a rock of care that asked no great reward but firm, assured, was simply there, we can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore, Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.

3 When people share a task, and strength and skills unite in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight, our Friend and Partner's will is better understood, that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.

4 So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street. Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun: In Christ alone is Love full grown

and life and hope begun.

### Common Prayer

***O God of nighttime visits and daylight assurance, we come to this time of worship to wrestle with who we are, and who you call us to be. Search our hearts and know us thoroughly. We long to meet you face to face, even if the encounter leaves us forever changed. With open ears and ready hearts, touch us with your words and transform us with your presence. Amen.***

Scripture

Genesis 32:22-31

Kid's Time

Message

\*Hymn

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

No. 496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!
2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return! With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

### Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

#### Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

\*Hymn

*Standing on the Promises*

No. 374

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.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]
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]

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

**\*Benediction**

Remember: God has heard our cry and will give us the strength to follow God's call. Be the face of God to a world that so desperately needs the loving, affirming face of God.  
*Amen!*

**\*Postlude**

Worship Assistants today:

Song Leader: Kathy Brown  
Organist: Gloria Cardoni  
Tech Support: Jamie Hannah  
Sound Tech: Arthur Sievers



Our Staff:

Pastor: Kathy Bueker Sweet  
Office Manager: Mary Catherine St. John  
Director of Music: Kathy Brown  
Director of Youth Ministries: Natalie McDowell  
Director of Family Ministries: Mary Catherine St. John

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