

The Worship of God

June 17, 2018

As a father has compassion on his
children, so you have compassion
for those who fear you, O LORD.

—Psalm 103.13

Gathering at God's Invitation

Music for Gathering

Marietta Mobley *piano*

Christ Candle

Alex Wells

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

Organ Voluntary

Vaclav Nelhybel

A Mighty Fortress

†Call to Worship

Dr. Steve Pressley

Let us worship God.

**“God is our refuge and our fortress,
the holy One, in whom we trust.”**

Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,”
and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

**“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be
saved.”**

Let us call upon our true God, believing in our hearts, confessing with our mouths, worshiping God in spirit and in truth.

—based on Psalm 91.2; Romans 10.9,13

†Hymn of Praise 43

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

†Words of Friendship

Sarah Parker

A Family Covenanting

Christina McCord, Rev. Sherouse

Wyatt John Wise

son of Matt and Beth Wise

Prayers of God's People

Dr. Pressley

Hearing God's Word

Opening of God's Word

William Bolton

Congregational Verse

During the congregational verse, children ages four through first grade may attend junior church and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.



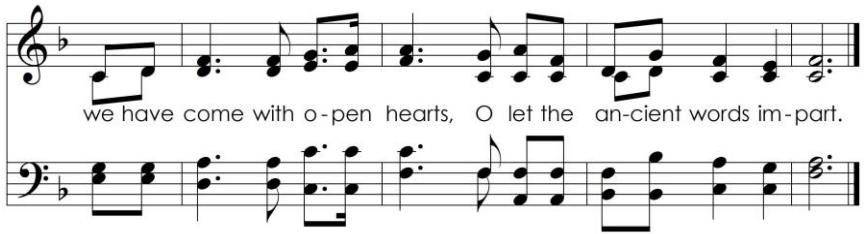
Ho-ly words long pre-served for our walk in this world, they re-



sound with God's own heart; O let the an-cient words im - part.



An-cient words ev-er true, chang-ing me and chang-ing you;



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Scripture Lesson

Sarah Parker

I Samuel 8.4-11

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

God Responds

Responding to God's Word

†Hymn of Response 48

SLANE

God of Creation, All-Powerful

Musical Interlude

Scriptural Affirmation of Faith

Terri Vancil

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or falsify God's word. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

—II Corinthians 4.1-2, 5-6

Choral Offering

Austin Lovelace

God Is My Strong Salvation

Summer Choir

Baker Lawrimore accompanist

Sending into God's World

†Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

†Congregational Response

SLANE

***God of our now, all our trust is in you,
Covenant God, ever faithful and true;
Sovereign Creator, Redeemer and Lord,
now and forever your name be adored.***

†Organ Voluntary

Gordon Young

Prelude in Classic Style

Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of **Clara Ramsey Bennett**, on the occasion of her birthday, June 21, by her children and grandchildren.

The white rosebud welcomes **Wells Finley & Trent Walker** born June 14 to Alec & Liz Gill.

Guests are warmly welcomed today. There are several ways during the worship hour that we can become better acquainted. During the **Words of Friendship** we will share a personal greeting with those sitting around us. You will find a **Connection Card** in the bulletin that can be filled out and dropped in the offering plate as it is passed in the service. **Ministers** will also be greeting worshippers at each exit door after the service.