

3. On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise, the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes, to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace; O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

SCRIPTURE READING

GENESIS 12:1-9

SERMON

“BLESSINGS IN UNUSUAL TIMES,
PLACES, AND CIRCUMSTANCES”

REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

ANTHEM

FINLANDIA

BY JEAN SIBELIUS (1865 - 1957)

*HYMN OF INVITATION

BE THOU MY VISION

#451, UMH, v. 1 & 2

WORDS TRANSLATED BY MARY E. BYRNE, VERSED BY ELEANOR H. HULL

MUSIC BY TRADITIONAL IRISH MELODY, HARM. BY CARLTON R. YOUNG

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1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH
GO FORTH FOR GOD

#670, UMH v. 1 & 4

WORDS BY JOHN R. PEACEY

MUSIC BY GENEVAN PSALTER, HARM. BY C. WINFRED DOUGLAS

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1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace, in God's good Spirit daily to increase, till in the kingdom we see face to face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's people every day and hour, and serving Christ, our every gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

POSTLUDE

“FAITH” FROM SONG WITHOUT WORDS

FELIX MENDELSSOHN



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have been blessed for anyone who would like
to partake after church service is completed.*

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PRELUDE
GREAT ARE YOU, LORD
STEVE & VIKKI COOK

WELCOME HOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

MAKE ME A BLESSING
WORDS BY IRA B. WILSON
MUSIC BY GEORGE S. SCHULER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

Congregation: We have responded to Christ's call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth.

Leader: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light. Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

Congregation: Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer. By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION
#733, UMH
WORDS BY ISAAC WATTS
MUSIC BY ROBERT LOWRY
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1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. (Refrain)

3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. (Refrain)

4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. (Refrain)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Congregation: We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER
MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST

#453, UMH, v. 1 & 4
WORDS BY ELIZABETH P. PRENTISS
MUSIC BY WILLIAM H. DOANE
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1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

4. Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise; this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S
TITHES & GIFTS**

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
#94, UMH
WORDS BY THOMAS KEN
MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN TO 5TH GRADE MAY GO WITH CATHY SCOTT TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM

HYMN OF FAITH

BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL
#209, UMH
WORDS BY MICHAEL PERRY
MUSIC BY HAL H. HOPSON
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1. Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free, who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty. The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release; God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

2. Now from the house of David a child of grace is given; a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven. Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way, the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.