

Order of Worship – Sunday, November 8, 2020

PRELUDE

Catalina Daggett

“God of Our Fathers” George William Warren

OPENING PRAYER

Landes Dung

Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O Lord. Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to you. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF OUR VETERANS

Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them. We pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

OPENING SONG

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Landes and Cassel Dung

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Allison

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Allison

Lord, we are a stubborn and impatient people. We always want to know how things will end. We want to know what the schedule is. We want a "daily planner" from you so that we can be ready. It is interesting that you have already given us a daily planner. The Holy Spirit, who has been given to comfort and guide us, is our daily planner.

Daily we are called to come before you in prayer and praise; daily we are challenged by the Holy Spirit to find ways to serve your people in your world. Why is it so hard, Lord, for us to be continually ready? Is it because we have placed you to one side in our lives, and when we think about it, when it is convenient for us, we take our faith down from the shelf and dust it off? Help us to place you at the center of our lives, offering ourselves as your servants daily.

As we name before you those who are near and dear to us, we ask your healing love and blessing for them. You know them and love them and are already present in their lives caring for them. Give us such courage and faith to know and trust that. Make us ready to receive you, now, in this place and everywhere we are.

Lord, we pray for those who are sick, in the hospital, recovering at home, or facing procedures....

We pray for those who mourn, asking for the Holy Spirit to comfort them and remind them of the hope we have in You....

We pray for those who are traveling. See them safely home....

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We celebrate with those who celebrate....

We pray for our first responders, health care professionals, and our spiritual leaders....

We lift up these prayers to You, as well as spoken prayer requests and unspoken prayers of our people....

Silent prayer

We pray in the name of our Savior who taught us to pray, saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SERMON

“Servanthood”
Matthew 25:34-40
1 Peter 2:4-10

Pastor Allison

CLOSING SONG

“” Landes and Cassel Dung

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Allison

Blessing upon blessing has been given to us, O Lord, from your great bounty. Now we return these gifts to you. Bless these gifts and the lives that they represent and cause them to work for you in this world which you have loaned to us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Pastor: Where will we go and who will we be?

All: We go out into the world to be God's people.

POSTLUDE

“America the Beautiful” Samuel A. Ward

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