

# Worshiping God, Who Calls Us to be Holy!

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**PRELUDE** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. David N. Johnson  
Dennis Bergin, organ

**WELCOME**

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP** *We Lift Up As Our Shield God's Name*  
Sanctuary Choir; Carrie Smith, piano; Matt Brantley, bass;  
Prudence Barker, Julia Teves, violin, Bob Nagy, cello; Charis Baker, flute;  
Holly Henske, clarinet; Nicole Lesh, bass clarinet; Billy Stulac, Ariana Stout, guitar;  
Greg Wagener, drums

We lift up as our shield God's name, the strong name of the Trinity,  
By invocation of the same: the Three in One and One in Three,  
Our Rock and Tower, God of Light, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word;  
We claim the name of grace and might: salvation is of Christ the Lord.

By faith we claim his grace today: the pow'r of God to hold and lead,  
His eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken to our need;  
The wisdom of our God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward,  
The word of God to give us speech, his heav'nly host to be our guard.

**\*GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 5:7-8

Reverend David Barnes, Associate Pastor

Pastor: I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

**People: I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.**

Pastor: Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness,

**People: Make your way straight before me.**

**\*THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF YOUR GLORY NO. 103** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Kyrstan Brantley, Deborah Roy, vocals

**\*WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

**GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED** Psalm 115:2-8

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?” Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

**CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED** 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10

For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**\*MAKE ME WHOLE**

## *Holy Spirit*



1. Ho-ly Spir-it, liv-ing Breath of God, breathe new life in-to my will-ing soul;  
2. Ho-ly Spir-it, come a-bide with-in; may Your joy be seen in all I do.  
3. Ho-ly Spir-it, from cre-a-tion's birth, giv-ing life to all that God has made.



Bring the pre-sence of the Ri-sen Lord, to re-new my heart and make me whole.  
Love e-nough to co-ver ev-ry sin in each thought and deed and at-ti-tude.  
Show Your pow-er once a-gain on Earth, cause Your church to hun-ger for Your ways.



Cause Your Word to come a-live in me; give me faith for what I can-not see.  
Kind-ness to the great-est and the least; gen-tle-ness that sows the path of peace.  
Let the fra-grance of our prayers a-rise; lead us on the road of sac-ri-fice,



Give me pas-sion for Your pur-i-ty; Ho-ly Spir-it breathe new life in me.  
Turn my striv-ing in-to works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.  
that in u-ni-ty the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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### **WE INVOKE HIS HELP** Romans 8:26

John Hibbler, Elder

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

### **GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP** Acts 20:35

In all things we must help the weak and remember the Lord Jesus.

### **WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS**

**WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD** *A Mighty Fortress*  
Sanctuary Choir

A mighty fortress is our God!  
A mighty source of hope and strength,  
O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth his name,  
From age to age the same; and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever!  
A strong and mighty fortress is our God!

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**GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD**  
**SERMON SERIES**  
**SCRIPTURE TEXT**  
**SERMON TITLE**

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor  
"1 Corinthians"  
1 Corinthians 12:1-3 | page 959 in the pew Bible  
*The Spirit's Leading*

**\*HIS SOVEREIGN MERCY**

*‘Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee*



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**GOD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE** 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

**WE FEED ON CHRIST BY FAITH**

Congregation

**BREAD No. 480** *Come, for the Feast is Spread*

**CUP No. 420** *At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing*

*Note: Wine is in the outer ring, grape juice is in the inner three rings.*

## \*OUR FATHER BROUGHT US HOME

## ***Oh Give Thanks (Psalm 107)***

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1. We were wan - d'ring in the de - sert with our souls  
2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs  
3. We were fools in our re - bell - ion with our hun -  
4. We were far out on the o - cean ma - king wealth

so starved and weak; we were hun - gry for a home - land we did not  
bent down with pain in the sha - dow of death's dark - ness we were slaves  
- ger strike of pride; we were sick and grow - ing clos - er to - the death-  
and cha - sing dreams but the waves of great de - struc - tion brought us trem -

know how to seek, but we lif - ted up our voi -  
- we sin and blame Then we cried out in our la -  
- we should have died Then he heard of our con - di -  
- bling to our knees, and we cried like drun - ken sai -

- ces to the on - ly One who hears and the God  
- bor to the on - ly One who hears and the God  
- tion and He - called - us by our names and the God  
- lors to the on - ly One who hears and the God

of mer - cy came and brought us near. Oh give thanks to the Lord  
of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.  
of glo - ry took a - way - our shame.  
of com - fort took a - way our fears.

for His love en - dures fo - re - ver! We were wan - d'ring and lost and our Fa -

ther brought us home to a safe dwe - lling place, to a feast

of joy and laugh - ter. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** Reprise: *Oh Give Thanks*

## *The Spirit's Leading*

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1 Corinthians 12:1-3 | page 959 in the pew Bible

How does the Spirit reveal those who are really serving Christ?

1. By the fruit of his absence

2. By the fruit of his presence

\*Congregation please rise

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