# Worshiping the God of the Covenant!

**PRELUDE** Fugue in B Major Marcel Dupré Dennis Bergin, organ

#### WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

## WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP Living Waters

Kyrstan Brantley, Belle George, Ellie McGinty, vocals; Carrie Smith, piano; Matt Brantley, bass; Billy Stulac, Ariana Stout, guitar; Greg Wagener, drums

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters. Tired and broken, peace unspoken, rest beside these living waters.

Christ is calling, find refreshing at the cross of living waters. Lay your life down, all the old gone, rise up in these living waters.

There's a river that flows with mercy and love, Bringing joy to the city of our God; there our hope is secure, Do not fear anymore, praise the Lord of living waters.

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters. Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless, Christ, He is our living waters.

There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore, Praise the Lord of living waters.

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## \*God Calls Us to Worship Isaiah 55:1,3

Lake McGinty, Seminary Intern

Pastor: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; **People:** And he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Pastor: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

People: Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;

Pastor: And I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

People: My steadfast, sure love for David.

## \*GIVE THANKS AND SING! No. 604 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

#### \*WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE

## **GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED** Romans 13:14

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Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

#### WE CONFESS OUR SIN

## **CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED** Philippians 3:13b-15a

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way.

\*You Guide Me with your Counsel No. 600 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

### WE INVOKE HIS HELP Revelation 7:17

Reverend Bill Myers, Pastor of Congregational Care

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

## GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP 2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

#### WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

## WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD Sweet Canaan

Sanctuary Choir; Dennis Bergin, organ

O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the land of Canaan. I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see, I'm bound for the land of Canaan. O Canaan, sweet Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan, Sweet Canaan, 'tis my happy home; I am bound for the land of Canaan.

I'll join with those who're gone before, I am bound for the land of Canaan. Where sin and sorrow are no more, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

If you get there before I do, I am bound for the land of Canaan, Look out for me, I'm coming too, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

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GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

**SERMON SERIES** "Anatomy of a Bad Decision"

**SCRIPTURE TEXT** 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 | page 957 in the pew Bible

**SERMON TITLE** Running the Race

#### GOD CONFERS SACRAMENTAL GRACE

Reverend Bill Myers Benjamin Keller, son of Luke and Amy Furuto

\*WE GIVE HIM ALL THE PRAISE Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

#### \*BENEDICTION

\*Postlude Reprise: Soldiers of Christ, Arise

<sup>\*</sup>BE STRONG IN THE LORD No. 575 Soldiers of Christ, Arise

SERMON NOTES

## Running the Race

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 | page 957 in the pew Bible

How must you run the race of your Christian life?

1. With direction

2. With discipline

<sup>\*</sup>Congregation please rise