



Schertz
united methodist church

THE ARMOR OF GOD

Children's Sabbath
August 31, 2025
10:00am

ENTRANCE

(We Gather and Praise God)

Only King Forever

Our God, and firm foundation
Our rock, the only solid ground
As nations rise and fall
Kingdoms once strong now shaken
But we trust forever in Your name
The name of Jesus
We trust the name of Jesus

**CHORUS: You are the only King forever
Almighty God we lift You higher
You are the only King forever
Forevermore, You are victorious (2x)**

Unmatched in all Your wisdom
In love and justice You will reign
And every knee will bow

We bring our expectations
Our hope is anchored in Your name
The name of Jesus
We trust the name of Jesus (Chorus)

We lift our banner high
We lift the name of Jesus
From age to age You reign
Your kingdom has no end (3x, Chorus)

Raise a Hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me

CHORUS: I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the king is alive!

I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me!
(Chorus)

Sing a little louder! (Sing a little louder!)

(4x, Chorus)

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

(We Hear God's Word)

Prayer for Illumination

The Church's Letter

Ephesians 6:10-18, CEB

10 Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and his powerful strength. 11 Put on God's armor so that you can make a stand against the tricks of the devil. 12 We aren't fighting against human enemies but against rulers, authorities, forces of cosmic darkness, and spiritual powers of evil in the heavens. 13 Therefore, pick up the full armor of God so that you can stand your ground on the evil day and after you have done everything possible to still stand. 14 So stand with the belt of truth around your waist, justice as your breastplate, 15 and put shoes on your feet so that you are ready to spread the good news of peace. 16 Above all, carry the shield of faith so that you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word.

18 Offer prayers and petitions in the Spirit all the time. Stay alert by hanging in there and praying for all believers.

The Word of God for the people of God:

Thanks be to God

Small Talk & Noisy Offering

Expert Panel: The Armor of God

Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear?

**CHORUS: I know who goes before me
I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The one who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side**

My strength is in your name for you alone can save
You will deliver me, Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear? (Chorus)

And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in your hands
I'm holding on to your promises
You are faithful, You are faithful
You are faithful (Chorus)

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

(We Give Thanks and Break Bread Together)

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Forgiveness

Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace. And we are quick to use your Word to attack one another, instead of striking out against the sins we personally commit. Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News.

Silence is kept

Hear the good news: Now we are a new creation, clothed in the righteousness and justice of Christ Jesus. Our sins are forgiven, and God's Spirit is with us to help us continue growing in righteousness. **Thanks be to God!**

*Passing the Peace

Offering & Offertory Put on the Armor of God SUMC Children

The Great Thanksgiving

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Receiving Bread and Cup

SENDING FORTH **(We Receive God's Blessing** **to Be a Blessing to the World)**

Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

***Dismissal with Blessing**

**I'm gonna put on the armor of God
I'm gonna put on the armor of God
I'm gonna put on the armor of Go-o-od
Put on the armor of God**