

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020 Mark 4:35-41

Click for a <u>Spotify playlist</u> or a <u>YouTube playlist</u> of the songs included in this Worship Order.

Call to Worship

Read out loud and briefly reflect on Psalm 40:1-5 to prepare your heart for worship.

Sing Together

Sing (or listen to a recording of) the following hymn:

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (or "To God Be the Glory" for kids)

Hear the Good News!

Read the words of good news to one another from Isaiah 41:8-10.

Sing Together

Sing (or listen to a recording of) the following songs:

"Be Still My Soul" (or "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" for kids)

A Prayer Before You Begin

We thank thee for the morning light of this day of rest, and for all the spiritual privileges which it brings with it. May we have rest and refreshment to our souls. May we read, and hear, and mediate, with profit, and lift up our hearts to thee in prayer and praise, with sincere devotion. And grant, most merciful God, that we may so improve all our sacred opportunities, that we fail not of a part in thine eternal rest, and in the hymns of angels and blessed spirits in the world to come.

The Common Book of Prayer

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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 doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath 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 pow'rs, 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.

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory! Great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son; Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

Come to the Father, through Jesus the Son: Give Him the glory! Great things He has done! O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Come to the Father, through Jesus the Son: Give Him the glory! Great things He has done! Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be; Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! (x2)

Come to the Father, through Jesus the Son: Give Him the glory! Great things He has done!

Be Still My Soul

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In every change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul thy best, thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul when dearest friends depart And all is darkened in the vale of tears Then shalt thou better know His love His heart Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears Be still my soul the waves and winds shall know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Be still my soul the hour is hastening on When we shall be forever with the Lord When disappointment grief and fear are gone Sorrow forgot love's purest joys restored Be still my soul when change and tears are past All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

Leaning on The Everlasting Arms

(Clap)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

Chorus

You know I'm leanin', leanin'. You know I'm leanin', leanin'. You know I'm leanin' on the Everlasting. (x2)

Chorus

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms. Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.

Confession of Sin

Pray together to confess your sins to God. Consider using a prayer like this:

Heavenly Father, your word tells us the truth about ourselves:

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way."

Lord, you know how our hearts are prone to wander and turn away from you and your word. We follow too easily the devices and desires of our hearts. We trust and follow other lords, other saviors, other loves.

We confess our wandering to you now.

End by acknowledging God's mercy and realizing that he has forgiven your sins in Christ Jesus.

Father, your hand is not shortened that it cannot save. Forgive us, cleanse us within, make us whiter than snow, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hear the Good News!

God forgives us because Jesus died for our sins, so we can rejoice in these reassuring words from 1 Peter 2:24-25:

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Praise God, we are forgiven! Know that because of your faith in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Sing Together

Sing (or listen to a recording of) the following songs:

"I Will Follow" (or "I'm Trusting You" for kids)

I Will Follow

Where You go, I'll go Where You stay, I'll stay When You move, I'll move I will follow

All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone Higher than my side High above my life I will trust in You alone

Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow You
Who You love, I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You
I will follow You

Light unto the world
Light unto my life
I will live for You alone
You're the one I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone in You alone

Refrain

In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul In You there's joy, unending joy And I will follow

Refrain (x2)

Pray Together

Spend some time together in prayer, praying specifically for the needs of people in the Faith Church family.

- · Thank God for the life, hope, and confidence we have in Jesus.
- · Thank God for his sustaining grace and faithfulness in all seasons.
- Pray for the medical professionals and first responders who are caring for us during this pandemic.
- · Thank him for the health and provisions you have.
- Pray for Faith Church, the churches of Indianapolis, and congregations around the world which are attempting to care for one another and love and serve their communities.
- Pray for those who are especially affected by this situation the elderly, the ill, the lonely and shut-ins, hourly workers.
- Pray for the impact of our love and care for one another and our neighbors.
- Pray for our government and its leaders, that they would make wise decisions and lead the nations well.
- Pray for God's peace to calm anxieties.
- Pray for the work of the Holy Spirit to soften hearts and point people to Christ in uncertain and anxious times.
- Make sure in your prayer that you express trust in the sovereignty of the God who cares for us.
- · Pray for Pastor Jeff and his family, for their full healing, and protection

I'm Trusting You

Chorus (x2)
Wherever you lead me,
I'm gonna follow.
I'm trusting you, God.
You are good!

Life will get crazy, Wild and amazing. I'm trusting you, God. You are good!

I wanna live each day like anything can happen. Can't hardly wait to see what's next.

I wanna face this world with wonder and excitement, Face every challenge, every test!

Chorus (x2)

Walk through the valley. Climb mountains high. Wherever we go, Lord, YOU ARE GOOD!

Can't hold me back now. I'm gonna fly. Wherever we go, Lord, YOU ARE GOOD!

Chorus (x2)

I'm trusting you, God. You are good! I'm trusting you, God. You are good!

Hear the Word

Before playing the <u>sermon discussion video</u>, take a moment to pray for God to make clear his message for you today.

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

Read the scripture out loud: Mark 4:35-41, ESV

Play the sermon video, available on our website and through your email.

Reflect

Reflect back to God what you have learned through prayer.

Sing Together

Sing (or listen to a recording of) the following song:

"Trust and Obey" or "You Never Let Go"

Benediction

Remind each other that COVID-19 does not change our mission:

"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thess. 3:5).

Go in peace to love and serve the LORD.

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quickly drives it away; Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear, Can abide while we trust and obey.

Refrain

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet. Or we'll walk by His side in the way. What He says we will do, where He sends we will go; Never fear, only trust and obey.

Refrain (x2)

And 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word; Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know. "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er; Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more! Oh, for grace to trust You more!

You Never Let Go

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death Your perfect love is casting out fear And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life I won't turn back I know You are near

And I will fear no evil For my God is with me And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on A glorious light beyond all compare And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes We'll live to know You here on the earth

Bridge & Refrain

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes Still I will praise You, still I will praise You (x2)

Refrain (x2)