

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 46:1-3; 10*

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.*

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the
sea, though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

“Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!”

**The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

* **Opening Prayer**

* **God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength** #46:1,2,5 (PH)

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid,
And therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid,
Though hills into the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar,
Though all the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.

A river flows whose streams make glad the city of our God,
The holy place wherein the Lord Most High has his abode.
Since God is in the midst of her, unmoved her walls shall stand;
For God will hasten to her aid when trouble is at hand.

"Be still and know that I am God, the Lord whom all must claim;
And every nation of the earth shall magnify my name."
The Lord of hosts is on our side, our safety to secure;
The God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure.

* **Like a River Glorious** #497:1,3 (HFG)

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day;
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Refrain: Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Every joy or testing comes from God above,
Given to His children as an act of love;
We may trust Him fully all for us to do,
Those who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true. *Refrain*

* Please join us in standing if able

Profession of Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father maker of the heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior,
God's own Son by timeless birth,
By the Holy Ghost conceived, virgin Mary bore God's Son,
God, in whom I have believed, God almighty, Three in One.

Suffered under Pontius Pilate; crucified, for me He died.
Laid within a grave so silent; gates of hell He opened wide.
And the stone-sealed tomb was empty.
On the third day He arose.
Into heaven made His entry; mighty, conqueror of His foes.

At God's right hand He is seated, till His coming, as He said.
Final judgment to be meted to the living and the dead.
I confess the Holy Spirit has been sent through God the Son,
To apply salvation's merit, glory to the Three in One!

I believe the church of Jesus, Holy, catholic remains.
We are one through all the ages.
With communion of the saints.
I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised;
Everlasting life in heaven, Amen, let God's name be praised!

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

* **Oh, for a Closer Walk with God** #551:1,4,5 (PH)

Oh, for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

* **Scripture:** *Matthew 20:1-16 (NIV)* pg. 1030

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went
out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.

²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent
them into his vineyard.

³“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others
standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them,
‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you
whatever is right.’ ⁵So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the
afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶About five in the
afternoon he went out and found still others standing
around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here
all day long doing nothing?’

⁷“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to
his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages,
beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon
came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰So when those came
who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But
each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹When they
received it, they began to grumble against the

landowner. ¹²‘These who were hired last worked only one
hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who
have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to
you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take
your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last
the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don’t I have the right to do what I
want with my own money? Or are you envious because I
am generous?’

¹⁶“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *God's Right to be Generous*

* **He Leadeth Me** #452:1,3 (PH)

He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
By his own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me. *Refrain*

* **God's Blessing**

* **Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God** #630:1,2 (PH)

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
For He alone does wondrous works:
His glorious deeds excel;
For He alone does wondrous works:
His glorious deeds excel.

And blessed be His glorious name through all eternity;
The whole earth let His glory fill:
Amen! so shall it be;
The whole earth let His glory fill:
Amen! so shall it be.

God's Right to Be Generous

Matthew 20:1-16

Be Still

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Know

Psalm 46:3

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