

The background of the entire page is a landscape of mountains at sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. Overlaid on this scene are several musical notes and a staff. A large, thin, golden oval encircles the main title. Two musical notes are positioned above the oval, one on the left and one on the right, with a line connecting them. A musical staff with several notes is positioned below the oval, appearing to rise from the mountains.

# SONGS OF ASCENT

A SERMON SERIES ON PSALMS

**10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

arr. Mark Hayes

*Piano*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### CALL to WORSHIP

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, and strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

**C: God has blessed us and brought us to this place.**

P: God has caused His name to dwell in our midst.

**C: God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.**

P: God has shown us his glory in his mighty word.

**C: God has shown us the way of truth and life.**

P: For 65 years, God has nurtured and fed us.

**C: For 65 years, God has shown us his grace.**

P: For 65 years, God has given Himself in Word and Sacrament.

**C: For 65 years, God has empowered us with His Holy Spirit.**

P: For 65 years, God has made us his witnesses in the world.

**C: For 65 years, God has placed us in loving fellowship with one another.**

P: Praise the Lord for 65 years! Praise Him for 65 more!

**C: Praise the Lord for evermore! Oh, praise the name of the Lord!**

## OPENING HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation”

## OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C: **From where does my help come?**

P: My help comes from the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: He will not let your foot be moved;

C: **He who keeps you will not slumber.**

P: The Lord is your keeper;

C: **The Lord is your shade on your right hand.**

P: The sun shall not strike you by day,

C: **Nor the moon by night.**

P: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C: **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!

C: **Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

P: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.**

P: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

C: **My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.**

P: For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

C: **And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

*Moment of Silent Confession*

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most gracious God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C: Amen.**

P: O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**C: Blessed are You, O Lord, God of Israel our Father, forever and ever.**

P: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty,

**C: For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours.**

P: Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head above all.

**C: And now we thank You, our God, and praise Your glorious name.**

P: O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**C: Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**RESPONSE “Goodness of God”**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 122 [ESV]**

R: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**C: Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

R: Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

**C: There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.**

R: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! “May they be secure who love you!

**C: Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!”**

R: For my brothers and companions’ sake I will say, “Peace be within you!”

**C: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **RESPONSE “Creator”**

### **GREETINGS from the TX DISTRICT**

*Rev. Ben Gonzales, Mission Strategist Area B, Circuits 8-19*

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### **HOLY GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40 [ESV]**

And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

### **STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed***

**ANTHEM**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Dan Forrest

*Voices of Peace*

**SERMON “LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD”**

**RESPONSE “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”**

**OFFERING CONNECT**

**OFFERTORY**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Bradley Anerson

*Dona Nobis Pacem Handbells, piano*

**PRAYERS of the CHURCH**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**WORDS of INSTITUTION**

**THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

**DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

“Faithfulness”

arr. Todd Marchand

*Brass Quintet*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**RESPONSE “Lift High the Cross”**

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

### BENEDICTION

### CLOSING RESPONSE “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

### POSTLUDE

“Fanfare on OLD 100TH”

arr. Todd Marchand

*Brass Quintet*

*Special Thanks to our Guest Musicians!*

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