

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

8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, July 7th

PRELUDE

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

arr. Pam Robertson

Piano

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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 in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: To you I lift up my eyes,

C: **O you who are enthroned in the heavens!**

P: Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,

C: **So our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.**

P: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

RESPONSE “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 124 [ESV]

R: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let Israel now say—

C: if it had not been the Lord who was on our side when people rose up against us,

R: Then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

C: then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.

R: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

C: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

R: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE “Our Help is in the Name of God the Lord (Psalm 124)”

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33 [ESV]

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed*

HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

SERMON “OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD”

OFFERING

STORY of TRANSFORMATION

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Hayes

Piano

“Awesome God”

arr. Ray

Piano

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

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POSTLUDE

“Postlude on HYFRYDOL”

Carolyn Hamlin

Piano



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