

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 7, 2021

PREWORSHIP MUSIC

God of Grace and God of Glory (Fosdick)
We Plow Our Fields and Scatter (Schule)
It Is Well with my Soul (Spafford)

PRELUDE

The Refuge and Strength of the Lord (Little)

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

ANNOUNCEMENTS – IN THE BULLETIN

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP ¹

Liturgist: We gather to thank God for what is good.

Congregation: We have come to cry out to God for what is wrong.

Liturgist: We gather to ask God for help and restoration.

Congregation: We come before God, with aching hearts and glad souls.

All: *Oh God, we come, just as we are to worship.*

OPENING HYMN

God is Our Refuge and Strength ²

1. God is our Ref-uge and our Strength, In straits a pres-ent aid;
2. Though hills a-midst the seas be cast; Though wa-ters roar-ing make
3. A riv-er is, whose streams make glad The Cit-y of our God;
4. God in the midst of her doth dwell, And noth-ing shall her move;

There-fore, al-though the earth re-move, We will not be a-fraid;
And trou-bled be; yea though the hills By swell-ing seas do shake.
The ho-ly place, where-in the Lord Most High hath His a-bode.
The Lord to her an help-er will, And that right ear-ly, prove. A-MEN.

CALL TO CONFESSION ³

Pastor: We are God's children – each invited to come into the Lord's presence with the fullness of our lives: to admit our love and our hate, to admit our faith and our fear. Trusting in God's mercy, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer. (MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION)

COMMUNAL CONFESSION OF SIN

All: *Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies*

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and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS ⁴

Pastor: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve as God's generous people!

Congregation: **We will celebrate the mercy of God by greeting one another in a spirit of peace.**

Pastor: Yes! So, from our seats of worship, let us pass the peace of Christ to one another, with a smile, wave, nod, bow, or two-finger peace sign along with the words, "The peace of Christ with you."

Congregation: **And also, with you.**

HEBREW READING

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:38-44

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, PCC Conference Minister

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

HAND CHIME CHOIR

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High ⁵ (Founds)
Glorify Thy Name ⁶(Bettcher)*

OFFERING INVITATION ⁷

Liturgist: Our financial offering is a statement of our faith. By giving a first fruits portion of our money back to God, we believe that what we do here in this church, Starview United Church of Christ, does make a difference in the world. We believe that our financial tithes and the offering of our time and talent too, hastens the day when the lame shall leap for joy, the blind shall see, and that scarcity and deprivation will exist only in our memories. Thus, let us give joyfully and generously and dedicate it all with a prayer...

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: *Thank you God, for this intentional moment, set aside in worship to reflect upon your abundant generosity and the opportunity to return a portion of what we have received from you. We respond, in gratitude, O God, for all that you have bestowed upon us. Bless what we give. May the offering continue to sustain and support the ministries of this church and shine the light of Christ into this local community and the world beyond. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Who Is On The Lord's Side

Bulletin, Last Page

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BENEDICTION

Pastor: We gathered to hear God's good news, to share in Christ's presence, and to share with one another. Now let us go forth from our time of worship to take all that we have heard and done and offer it up to others, so they too, can know of our God and seek to follow.

And now may the God who created us, the Christ who has saved us, and the Holy Spirit who guides and protects us each day, bless, preserve, and keep us for this day and forevermore.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*⁸ (Alexander)

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The Christian Life

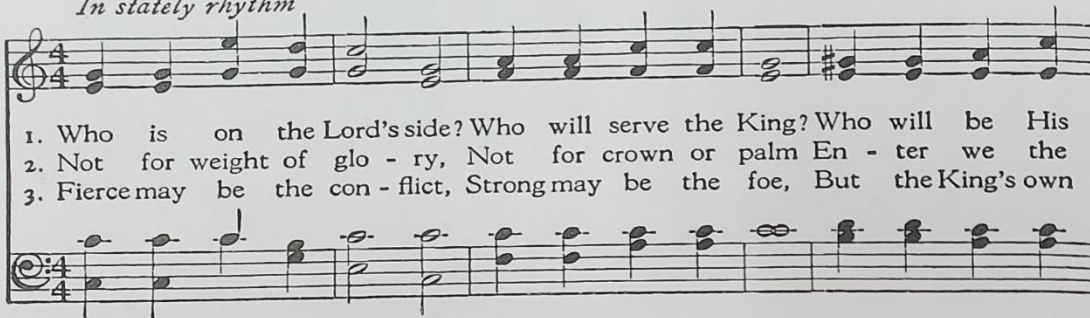
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FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL, 1877

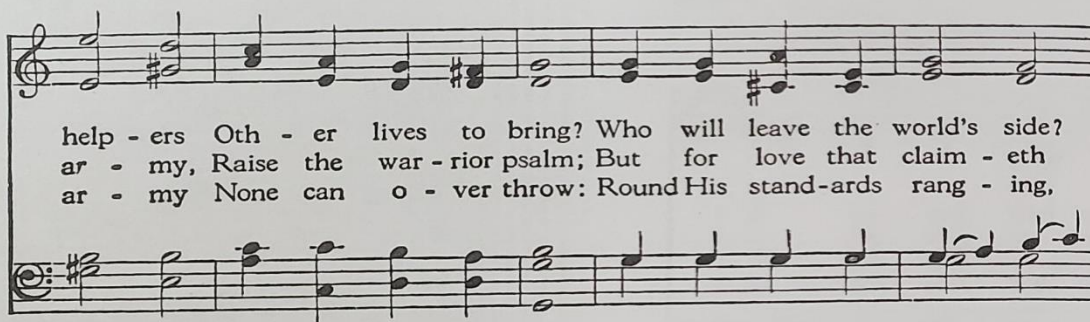
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ARMAGEDDON
Arr. JOHN GOSS, 1871

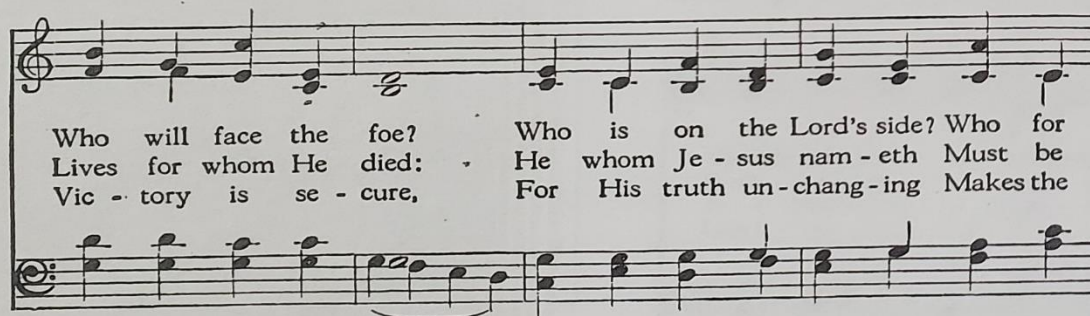
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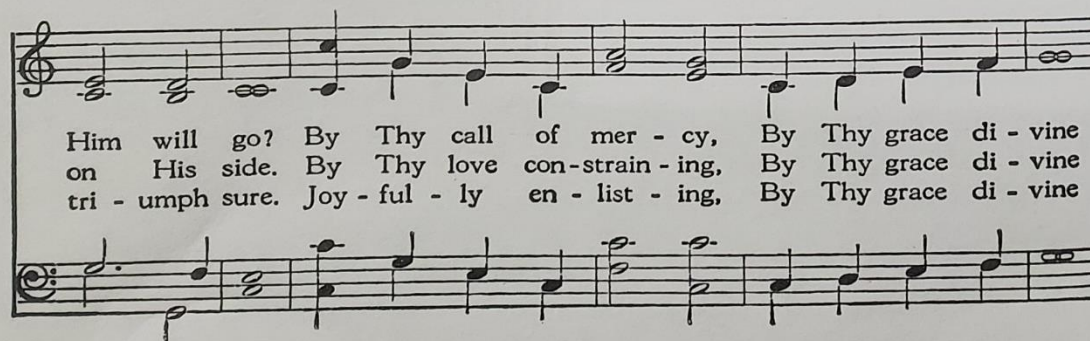
1. Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King? Who will be His
2. Not for weight of glo - ry, Not for crown or palm En - ter we the
3. Fierce may be the con - flict, Strong may be the foe, But the King's own



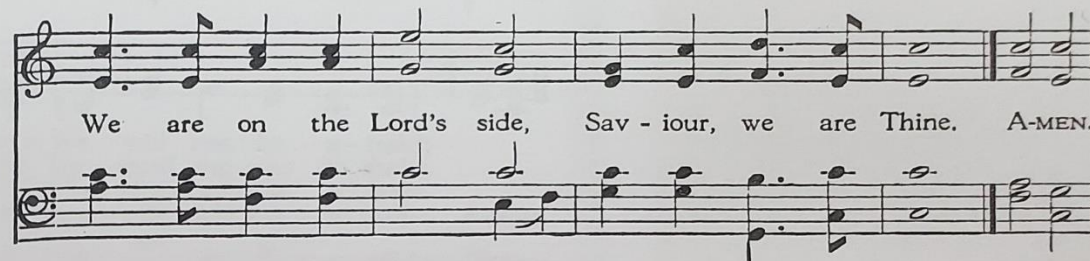
help - ers Oth - er lives to bring? Who will leave the world's side?
ar - my, Raise the war - rior psalm; But for love that claim - eth
ar - my None can o - ver throw: Round His stand - ards rang - ing,



Who will face the foe? Who is on the Lord's side? Who for
Lives for whom He died: He whom Je - sus nam - eth Must be
Vic - tory is se - cure, For His truth un - chang - ing Makes the



Him will go? By Thy call of mer - cy, By Thy grace di - vine
on His side. By Thy love con - strain - ing, By Thy grace di - vine
tri - umph sure. Joy - ful - ly en - list - ing, By Thy grace di - vine



We are on the Lord's side, Sav - iour, we are Thine. A-MEN.