

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

Reformation and Anniversary Sunday: The Church – New in Each Moment

PREWORSHIP MUSIC

“Because He Lives”¹

“My Life is in Your Hands”²

“To Everything There is a Season”³

PRELUDE

Everything is Possible with God (Johnson)⁴

(ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE IN THE BULLETIN)

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP⁵ (Based on Jeremiah 31:7-9)

Pastor: Sing aloud with gladness:

All: *God is gathering the people!*

Pastor: We come from the farthest parts of the earth:

All: *All who struggle; all who labor with new life!*

Pastor: Those who are weeping, God will console;

All: *Those who get lost find a clear path home.*

Pastor: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: *Ever-calling, Still- Speaking God, we give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence. We ponder our history, ancient, and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church. Grant us the vision to be a part of this new moment in your church that will bring evermore joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus’ vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen.*

HYMN

*Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*⁶

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ACT OF CONFESSION

Pastor: We want to be a church that is open to your transforming love,
yet cling to our comfortable ways.

All: *Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!*

Pastor: We want to honor your “still-speaking voice,” but are fearful of new insights,
which challenge our old assumptions.

All: *Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!*

Pastor: When we want to live into Jesus’ dream of oneness or unity,

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but fail to listen to voices of difference:

All: *Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Based on Mark 10:46-52 and Hebrews 7:23-38)

Liturgist: Cheer up! On your feet! Jesus is still calling to us!
We trust in the One who has guided the church for two millennia.
Through Christ, God forgives us our failings,
and continues to call us into a community of mutual love, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

All: *Let us celebrate the mercy of God by greeting each other, from our seats of worship, with a sign of God's peace, using a genuine smile and the two-finger peace sign or a friendly wave or nod, along with the words, "The peace of Christ with you."*

HEBREW READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 7:23-38

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:46-52

SERMON

Moment by Moment

Rev. Laura C. Bair-Baker

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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

*As the Deer*⁷

Gary Berger, Vocalist

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: Our ancestors in faith and church-building show us the way to share the gifts God has given us with the whole community. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God with a prayer and our spirits overflowing with heartfelt gratitude, commitment, and praise.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: *Transform our lives, O God, and let these gifts change the world into which we send them. Take them and multiply them to be a blessing of justice and peace in the world you love. Amen.*

BENEDICTION (Based Philippians 4:7)

Pastor: May the peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All: *Amen.*

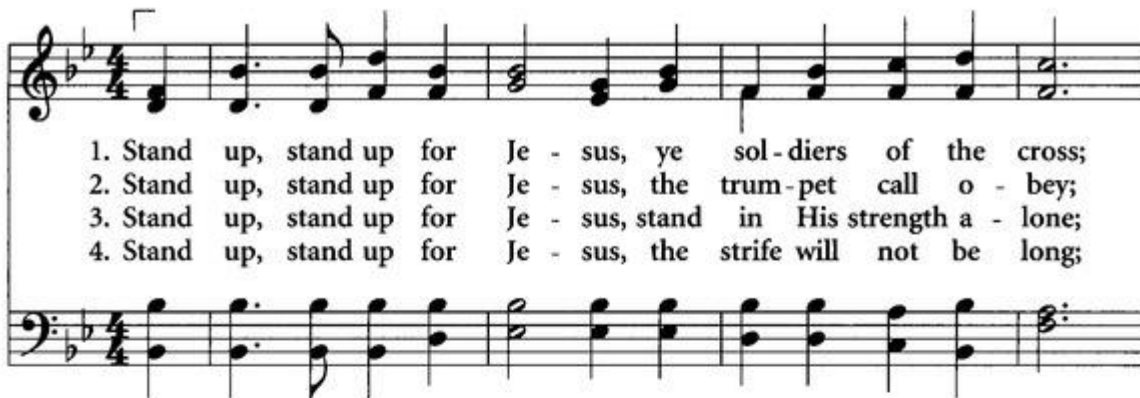
POSTLUDE

Walk with the Lord Today (Little)⁸

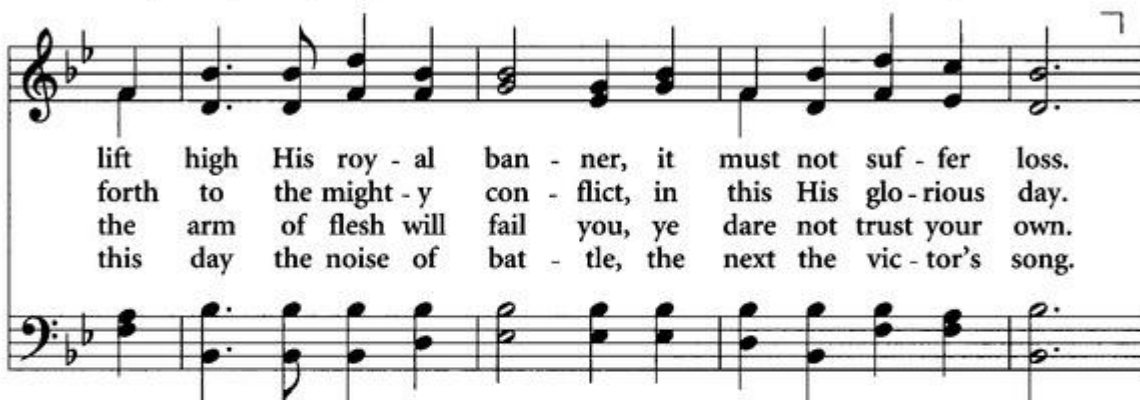
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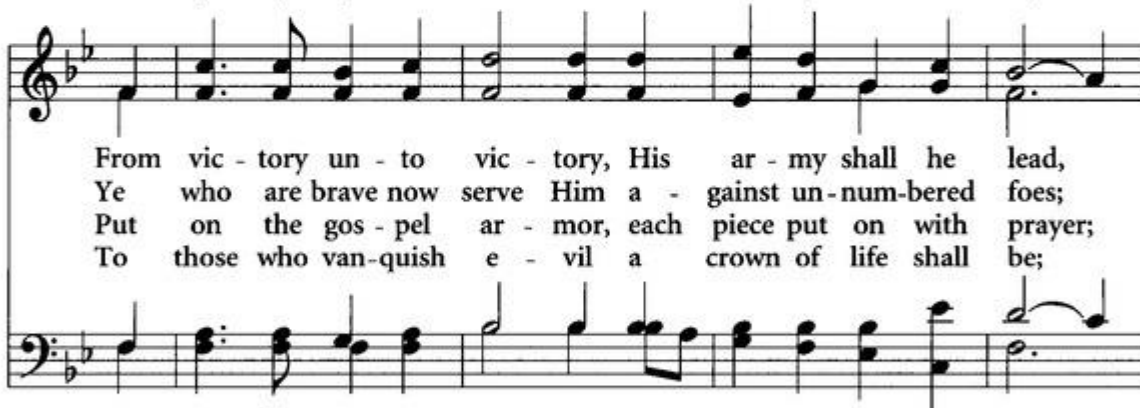
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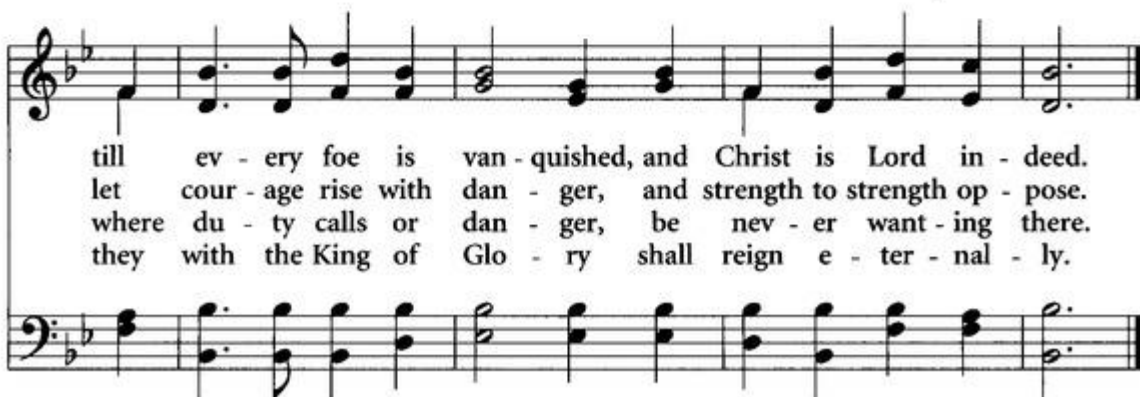
1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, ye sol - diers of the cross;
 2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in His strength a - lone;
 4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high His roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss.
 forth to the might - y con - flict, in this His glo - rious day.
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
 this day the noise of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - tory un - to vic - tory, His ar - my shall he lead,
 Ye who are brave now serve Him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 Put on the gos - pel ar - mor, each piece put on with prayer;
 To those who van - quish e - vil a crown of life shall be;



till ev - ery foe is van - quished, and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 they with the King of Glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

WORDS: George Duffield, Jr., 1858, alt. (Eph. 6:10-17)
 MUSIC: George J. Webb, 1837

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