

made repairs next to him. ¹¹ Malkijah son of Harim and Hasshub son of Pahath-Moab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens. ¹² Shallum son of Hallohesh, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section with the help of his daughters. ¹³ The Valley Gate was repaired by Hanun and the residents of Zanoah. They rebuilt it and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place. They also repaired a thousand cubits of the wall as far as the Dung Gate. ¹⁴ The Dung Gate was repaired by Malkijah son of Rekab, ruler of the district of Beth Hakkerem. He rebuilt it and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place.

Sermon
Up from the Ashes

The Rev. Peter Larson

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn

Rise Up, O Men of God

Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
give heart and soul and mind and strength
to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!
His kingdom tarries long;
bring in the day of brotherhood
and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
her strength unequal to her task;
rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
as brothers of the Son of Man,
rise up, O men of God.

Benediction

The Rev. Peter Larson

Postlude

Julie Shelton

Fantasy on "Foundation" Alice Jordan

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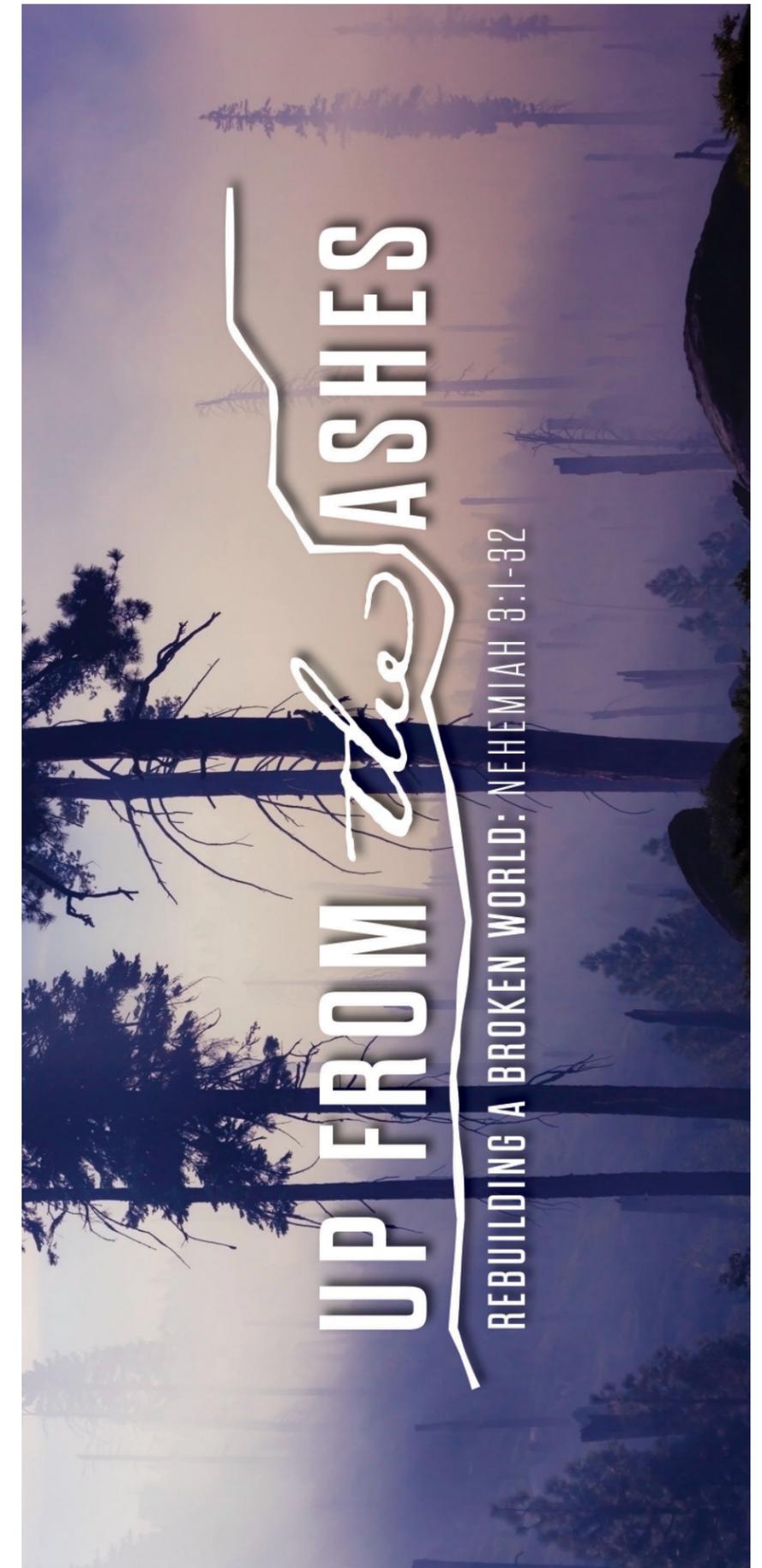
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Sunday, August 23, 2020

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Service

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Peter Larson

Prelude Patty Corfman and Julie Shelton
Andante and Allegro Marcello

*Call to Worship (Amos 9:11-15) The Rev. Peter Larson

Leader: In that day I will restore David's fallen shelter.

People: I will repair its broken walls and restore its ruins, and will rebuild it as it used to be.

Leader: The days are coming, declares the Lord, when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman, and the planter by the one treading grapes.

People: New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills, and I will bring back my people from exile.

Leader: They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine, they will make gardens and eat their fruit.

All: I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land given to them, says the Lord your God.

*Hymns

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession The Rev. Randy Fannin

Gracious Lord, Jesus, you are the creator of heaven and earth, maker of all things seen and unseen. By your Word, you established the sun, moon and stars. By your breath, you give life to all living things. By your death on the cross, our sins have been forgiven. By your resurrection, you destroyed the power of sin and death. You have promised us a hope and a future. You have promised never to leave or forsake us. You have promised always to be with us, even to the end of the world. These things we believe. And yet, our faith is so feeble. How quickly we sink into doubt and despair. How quickly we lose hope. Instead of trusting you, we worry. Instead of living with joy and boldness, we live in fear and apathy. Instead of building your Kingdom, we are content to dwell among the ruins. Lord, forgive us. Lord, have mercy on us. By your Spirit, restore our faith. Remind us again that you are a mighty God, and that nothing is too difficult for you. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

* Response *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above, Ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People Skyler Gerald

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication The Rev. Peter Larson

Offertory Patty Corfman and Julie Shelton
Arioso for Oboe Roy Brunner

WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading Joe McKenzie 8:30

1 Peter 2:4-10 The Rev. Randy Fannin 10:00

⁴ "Therefore As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." ⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸ and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

Revive Us Again

We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,
for Jesus who died, and is now gone above.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! thine the glory;
Hallelujah, Amen!
Hallelujah! thine the glory;
Revive us again.

We praise thee, O God, for thy Spirit of light,
who has shown us our Savior, and scattered our night.
(Refrain)

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
who has borne all our sins, and has cleansed every stain.
(Refrain)

Revive us again, fill each heart with thy love;
may each soul be rekindled with fire from above.
(Refrain)

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 3:1-14

¹ Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel. ² The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them. ³ The Fish Gate was rebuilt by the sons of Hassenaah. They laid its beams and put its doors and bolts and bars in place. ⁴ Meremoth son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz, repaired the next section. Next to him Meshullam son of Berekiah, the son of Meshezabel, made repairs, and next to him Zadok son of Baana also made repairs. ⁵ The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors. ⁶ The Jeshanah Gate was repaired by Joiada son of Paseah and Meshullam son of Besodeiah. They laid its beams and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place. ⁷ Next to them, repairs were made by men from Gibeon and Mizpah—Melatiah of Gibeon and Jadon of Meroth—places under the authority of the governor of Trans-Euphrates. ⁸ Uzziel son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired the next section; and Hananiah, one of the perfume-makers, made repairs next to that. They restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. ⁹ Rephaiah son of Hur, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section. ¹⁰ Adjoining this, Jedaiah son of Harumaph made repairs opposite his house, and Hattush son of Hashabneiah