

We Enter into Worship...

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Welcome and Announcements

IntroitChoir

Worship God with Music

Call to Worship

Psalm 91:1-2

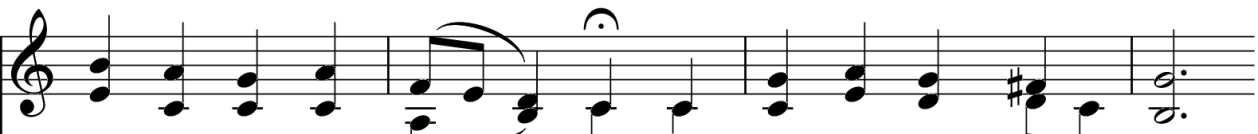
244A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

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doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:



and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
for lo, his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Based on Psalm 46
Martin Luther, 1529
Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

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Martin Luther, 1529
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Featured Element of Worship: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Some 500 years ago in Wittenberg, Germany, a young monk named Martin Luther posted 95 theses for theological debate on the Castle Church door. His goal was to point out abuses within the church and prompt discussion among Christians so that their faith might be deepened and drawn more in line with the Scriptures. What resulted though was a movement that became known as the Protestant Reformation. Perhaps the single most powerful hymn of the Reformation was Luther's *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, based on Psalm 46. During a time of great persecution for the Protestant churches, this song became a bold declaration of faith and a source of strength. People who had long been silent in corporate worship were encouraged to lift their voices with one another as a result of the Reformation. Just as they proclaimed in one voice their common faith, let us boldly do the same this morning and every time we gather!

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, against you we have sinned times without number. We have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our transgressions and short-comings present us with a list of accusations. They are just, but we bless you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Subdue our corruptions, and grant us grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor the lustings of the mind bring our spirits into subjection, but rule over us in liberty and power, for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*)

Silent Confession of Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 5:20-21

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Sam Winegarden

The Lord’s Prayer

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. 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.

Anthem

O Come, Let Us Sing

Choir

Unison Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

“ ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“ ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and

“ ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“ ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5. The bus - y tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
• from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
are car - ried down - ward by your flood, and lost in fol - l'wing years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

7. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

From Psalm 90
Isaac Watts, 1719
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Attr. to William Croft, 1678–1727
Tate and Brady, *Supplement to the New Version*, 1708

Psalm 91

- ¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- ² I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”
- ³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.
- ⁴ He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
- ⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
- ⁸ You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.
- ⁹ Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
- ¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.
- ¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
- ¹² On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- ¹⁴ “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.
- ¹⁵ When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
- ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.”

We Respond to the Word of God Preached...

Statement of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 1 & 2

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

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you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. “E’en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

John Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787; alt.
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Joseph Funk, *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832
Harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985
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We Depart into the World...

Benediction

Parting Hymn

**God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold
you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet
again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we
meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude

Following our service of corporate worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, donuts & fellowship, then for Sunday School in our education wing.

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Sermon Notes

The Promise of Safety (v. 1):

1. For the Psalmist (vv. 2, 9)

2. For You, (vv. 3-8, 10-13)

God Will _____ (v. 3)

God Will _____ (v. 4)

You Will _____ (vv. 5-6)

You Will _____ (vv. 7-8)

God Will _____ (vv. 10-12)

You Will _____ (v. 13)

3. According to God, (vv. 14-16)

Meditation for the Week

The Christian is to proclaim and prosecute an irreconcilable war against his bosom sins; those sins which have lain nearest his heart, must now be trampled under his feet. So David, “I have kept myself from my iniquity.” Now what courage and resolution does this require? You think Abraham was tried to purpose, when called to take his “son, his son Isaac, his only son whom he loved” (Genesis 22:2), and offer him up with his own hands, and no other; yet what was that to this? Soul, take thy lust, thy only lust, which is the child of thy dearest love, thy Isaac, the sin which has caused the most joy and laughter, from which thou hast promised thyself the greatest return of pleasure or profit; as ever thou lookest to see my face with comfort, lay hands on it and offer it up: pour out the blood of it before me; run the sacrificing knife of mortification into the very heart of it; and this freely, joyfully, for it is no pleasing sacrifice that is offered with a countenance cast down—and all this now, before thou hast one embrace more from it. Truly this is a hard chapter, flesh and blood cannot bear this saying; our lust will not lie so patiently on the altar, as Isaac, or as a “Lamb that is brought to the slaughter which was dumb,” but will roar and shriek; yea, even shake and rend the heart with its hideous outcries.

Who is able to express the conflicts, the wrestlings, the convulsions of spirit the Christian feels, before he can bring his heart to this work? Or who can fully set forth the art, the rhetorical insinuations, with which such a lust will plead for itself? One while Satan will extenuate and mince the matter: It is but a little one, O spare it, and thy soul shall live for all that. Another while he flatters the soul with the secrecy of it: Thou mayest keep me and thy credit also; I will not be seen abroad in thy company to shame thee among thy neighbours; shut me up in the most retired room thou hast in thy heart, from the hearing of others, if thou wilt only let me now and then have the wanton embraces of thy thoughts and affections in secret. If that cannot be granted, then Satan will seem only to desire execution may be stayed awhile, as Jephthah's daughter of her father: “let me alone a month or two, and then do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth” (Judges 11:36, 37), well knowing few such reprieved lusts but at last obtain their full pardon; yea, recover their favour with the soul. Now what resolution doth it require to break through such violence and importunity, and notwithstanding all this to do present execution? Here the valiant swordsmen of the world have showed themselves mere cowards, who have come out of the field with victorious banners, and then lived, yea, died slaves to a base lust at home. As one could say of a great Roman captain who, as he rode in his triumphant chariot through Rome, had his eye never off a courtesan that walked along the street: Behold, how this goodly captain, that had conquered such potent armies, is himself conquered by one silly woman.

William Gurnall (1619-1679), *A Treatise on the Whole Armour of God*

WELCOME to this morning's service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by the Diaconate to the glory of God!

Holiday Food Baskets - The Martha-Mary Circle is once again collecting non-perishable food items to provide for families in need this Thanksgiving and Christmas. Lists of needed items are available in the front vestibule, as are signup forms if you know of a family in need (two requests per person).

New Member Class - We are in the process of scheduling a four-week session for prospective new members. If you are interested in joining the church (or just would like to go through the class!) please indicate so as you sign the friendship folder and we'll be in touch.

Prayer Chain - Please contact Rev. Scribner (618-795-4319) if you have a prayer request or would like to serve the congregation at Calvary by being a part of our prayer chain.

Church Picnic: Thanks so much to our Deacons and to everyone who helped make our time together last Sunday so wonderful. The rain forced us inside, but we were flexible and it was still a wonderful time of food, fun & fellowship!

The Diaconate oversees mercy ministries on behalf of the church, providing such services as funeral dinners and at times with benevolence gifts to those in need. Their treasury has always been separate from the church's general fund, and is currently running low. If in addition to your regular giving you would like to donate to their ministries, you can do so by indicating so on your offering envelope.

Offerings are received each week in the wooden donation box in the Narthex. We have placed it there as a convenience for our members and friends. If you are visiting us this Sunday, please feel no pressure to make any donation. We are glad to have you simply be our guest today, and invite you to join us for a donut and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

Nursery: While we welcome (and actually encourage!) the presence of young children during corporate worship, we also recognize that not all parents are comfortable having their littlest ones with them in the sanctuary. For this reason, we do provide a nursery for children age 3 and under during the sermon.

October Nursery Workers:

10/5 - Chris Campbell & Laurie Goff

10/12 - Sharon Koerber & Kim Freeman

10/19 - Erin Scribner & Marsha Davis

10/26 - Grace Holmberg & Lydia Holmberg

Autumn Sermon Series: Beginning October 12th, we will be starting a new sermon series on the book of Habakkuk. Though a short book (just three chapters) written over 2,600 years ago by one of the so-called "Minor Prophets," Habakkuk still has much to say to us today. In our current context, focusing on our circumstances can at times cause us to doubt God's goodness, his plan, and even his faithfulness, but Habakkuk shows us what it is like to have faith in the midst of doubt. In preparation for this series, consider reading through this short book toward the end of the Old Testament so that you will get even more out of this series.

New Pictoral Directory - We are making progress on creating a new pictoral directory, and will need new pictures to include in it. Today and next week, a table will be set up after worship to sign up for time slots to get your picture taken, with pictures being taken after worship on October 5, 12 & 26. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the church office.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in worship next Lord's Day. Prayerfully examine your heart this week to ensure that you are right with the Lord and with your brothers and sisters in Christ, so that we might partake in holy unity.

This Week at Calvary

Today 9:40 Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)

 10:00 Worship Service
 followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship

 11:30 Sunday School

Tuesday 2:00 Tuesdays at Two

Friday **Office Closed**

Next Sunday 9:40 Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)

 10:00 Worship Service with Communion
 followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship lunch

 11:30 Sunday School

As you prepare your heart this week for our next corporate worship gathering, consider our Meditation for the Week (printed on the bulletin insert), and be sure to familiarize yourself with Psalm 97 (which will be our sermon text).

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Our Mission - We exist to know, worship, serve, and enjoy the one true God.

Our Vision - We seek to love God completely, love others selflessly, and everywhere proclaim Christ: crucified, risen, and reigning forever.



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