

EASTLAWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Robert Weathersby

Prelude

David Westfaul

Pastoral Prayer; The Lord's Prayer:

Matthew 6:9-13

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

Standing On the Promises

UMH 374

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,

standing on the promises of God my Savior;

standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

Responsive Reading

(Congregation reads words in **bold**).

PSALM 25

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 2 **O my God, in you I trust;**
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
- 3 Let none that wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed
who are clothed with treachery.
- 4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
Teach me your paths.
- 5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
For you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.
- 6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
- 7 **Remember not the sins of my youth,**
or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way,
9 and leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches them their way.
- 10 **All the paths of the Lord**
are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep the Lord's covenant
and testimonies.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 881

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church, (*universal)
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings; **Offertory music**

David Westfaul

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

UMH 95

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.

Special Music

Victory in Jesus

Leslie Weathersby, Susan McCormick,
Richard Greer, Robert Weathersby
David Westfaul

My Hope is Built

UMH 368

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

(Refrain)

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

(Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!

(Refrain)

Scripture:

John 4:43-54 (NIV)

⁴³After the two days he left for Galilee. ⁴⁴(Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country). ⁴⁵When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there.

⁴⁶Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

⁴⁸“Unless you people see signs and wonders,” Jesus told them, “you will never believe.”

⁴⁹The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

⁵⁰“Go,” Jesus replied. “Your son will live.”

The man took Jesus at his word and departed. ⁵¹While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. ⁵²When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him.”

⁵³Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he and his whole household believed.

⁵⁴This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.

Message:

Take Jesus at His Word, and Go

Jeff Walton

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my savior all the day long.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Refrain)

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