

Morning Worship

March 13, 2022, 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: The Power of God's Promises

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Patti Schif

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 27 Leader

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh

People: my adversaries and foes - they shall stumble and fall.

Leader: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

People: though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

People: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

***Opening Hymn** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH #139
(v. 1,2,5)

***Opening Prayer/Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Leader
Heavenly Father, although we just read words of faith and promise from the Psalmist, and just sung praises to you saying that "*You are our health and salvation,*" we still have fear. The world seems to be crashing around us, out of our control, and we fear that it is out of Your control as well. Remind us of your Promises, oh Lord. Remind us that with You as our stronghold, whom shall we fear? You are our rock. Let this time of worship bury that fact in our minds, and in our hearts. We pray this in the name above all names. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Lord of Glory, God of Grace" Pete Carlson
John Lemonis

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** Luke 13:31–35 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Standing on the Promises" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "O Jesus, I Have Promised" UMH #396
(v. 1,3,4)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (Please mail in your offerings)

*Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

During this season of Lent, open our hearts to recognize your immense goodness and how truly blessed we are. Let that truth fill us with compassion and generosity. Receive our gifts today Lord, and let these fruits be what blesses Your plan for us and all Your children throughout our world. We pray that no matter our circumstances, we will not lose faith that Your goodness and mercy will prevail. Help us to share this truth to all those in our lives; to seek more of You Lord, with loving, open, and generous hearts. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH #103
(v. 1,3,4)

***Benediction**

***Benediction Resp.** "Lead Me, Guide Me" TFWS #2214
(Refrain Only)

Coffee Hour: Thanks to the Florin's for 3/6 and the Schif's today!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship
Next up: **1 Corinthians 10: 1-13, Luke 13:1-9**



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"