



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
God's Voice Spoken from the Beginning of Time
Helping us Remember

WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 7, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Christina Thompson

WELCOME

Welcome to worship today. I am Rev. Christina Thompson, and I am pastor here at Whitney UMC. We are exploring what it means to Listening to the Voice of God. Today we hear the words that have been spoken since the beginning of time. May we hear the voice of God today.

LIGHTING CANDLE

As we worship today, I invite you to light your candle as a reminder that Christ the light of the world and that light is with us always.

Liturgist this morning is Tom Old

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 62

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

They shall mount up with wings like eagles;

They shall run and not be weary;

They shall walk and not faint.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you are the everlasting God who does not grow faint or grow weary. Help us to wait upon you so that we will renew our strength, mount up with wings like eagles and run and not be weary, walk and not faint. May we feel your strength and presence as we worship this morning. **Amen**

Let's join together with Andy and Svetlana singing
'Praise to the Lord the Almighty'

OPENING SONG

Andy and Svetlana Maddox

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #139 vss. 1,3,5

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Verse 1

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

The King of creation

O my soul praise Him

For He is thy health and salvation

All ye who hear now to His temple draw near

Praise Him in glad adoration

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
Who with His love doth befriend thee

Verse 5

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

PASTORAL PRAYER

God of the universe,
you sit above the circle of the earth,
and so, we pray for the oceans and mountains,
inland water and the air we breathe.
Save and protect them, we pray.

O God our creator, **hear our prayer**

Since the beginning of our faith,
we have looked to you to gather the outcasts,
heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds.
So, we pray for the poor of the world,
the sick and the lonely.

O God our creator, **hear our prayer**

God, you build up Jerusalem,
and so, we pray for our country,
for all the countries of the world,
and for all of our leaders.
May we all come to see that your delight
is not in the strength of the military
but in those who hope in your steadfast love.

O God our creator, **hear our prayer**

How good it is to sing praises to you, O God.
We pray for your church,
here and around the world.
Empower us to go from town to town,
proclaiming the message of Christ.

O God our creator, **hear our prayer**

For all the concerns spoken only in the quiet of our hearts
O God our creator, **hear our prayer**

Everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth,
we bless you, for you are gracious.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray together the prayer Jesus called us to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev Dewey Knowles

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kimberly Gardner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, speak to us
what has been told from the beginning,
your Word that is the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40: 21-31

SERMON

Rev Christina

God's Voice Spoken from the Beginning of Time Helping us Remember

May we remember that God's love is
amazing, steady and unchanging and no matter what we face,
God's love is a mountain firm beneath our feet.

When we are discouraged,
may God remind us of the divine love that carries us.

Let us join together in singing Your Love is Amazing.

SONG *Six Ways to Sunday with Andy & Svetlana Maddox*

Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing) 3027

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Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
 Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
 Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me
Every time I see You, all Your goodness shines through
And I can feel this God song, rising up in me

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing

Yes, You make me sing Lord, You make me sing, sing, sing
How You make me sing

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing (x4)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Let us give thanks to God
by giving our tithes and offerings.
May we remember God's abundance in the past
and be assured of God's abundance now.

The ways to give are listed there on your screen.
You can mail in a check to the church or give electronically
through our website. Let us pray over the gifts that will be given.

We sing to you, God with thanksgiving,
Making melody to you with our praise.
We are grateful for your faithful presence with us always.
Use these gifts to spread your gospel near and far
For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

Andy and Svetlana Maddox

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94

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Chorus

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Alleluia, alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Indeed how firm the foundation that has been laid for us from the beginning of time. Let us join together singing How Firm a Foundation.

CLOSING SONG

Andy & Svetlana Maddox

How Firm a Foundation #529 vss. 1,2,3

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Verse 1

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

Verse 3

When through the deep waters I call thee to go
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow
For I will be with thee, thy trouble to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

Verse 5

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

SENDING FORTH

May the Memories bring back memories bring back God. And in those memories may we know that God doesn't come and go. God lasts. So may be spread our wings and soar like eagles, may we run and not run out of energy and may we walk side by side with God.

PASSING THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

INVITATION TO NEXT WEEK

I invite you to join us next week as we close out this worship series. We will be celebrating Transfiguration Sunday when Jesus goes up the mountain and is transfigured before his disciples. We will look at the Voice of God Calling Us to Keep Silence

After worship, you are invited to join us for communion on Zoom. Bring your bread/crackers and juice/wine. The link to join us is in the email you received with the links to this service. There are also instructions on this screen. We will gather about 10:45.

You are also invited to join us on our Facebook Group Whitney United Methodist Church Group to chat about the service. You can join the conversation anytime.

Our radio Program Reach Out and Trust broadcasts on KBXL 94.1 FM on Sunday mornings at 7:30 am & 11:30 am.

May God be with us until we meet again.

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