

A large, leafy green tree stands in a field of yellow flowers under a cloudy sky. The text "Faith not Fear" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Faith  
—not—  
Fear

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

**Reaching Up, Reaching Out  
Welcoming Everyone,  
Serving in God's Love**

August 7, 2022  
9:30 AM

# Order of Worship

## July 7th, 2022

Give God your weakness and he'll give you his strength!

**Boldface type: The congregation speaks in unison**

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

His Name is Wonderful  
David Atkins, pianist

(arr. Bock)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Get ready! The Lord needs you.

**We are ready to serve God.**

Be prepared to serve in ministries of justice and peace.

**We are ready to serve God by helping others.**

Open your hearts, your souls, and your minds to God's mercy and love.

**Prepare us for service to you, O loving God.**

### HYMN

#### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#127 vs.1-3

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land. I am  
weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with  
thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven,  
bread of heaven, feed me till I want no  
more; feed me till I want no more.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid  
my anxious fears subside; death of death  
and hell's destruction, land me safe on  
Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of  
praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever  
give to thee.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all  
my journey through. Strong deliverer,  
strong deliverer, be thou still my strength  
and shield; be thou still my strength and  
shield.

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**Surprising God of mercy and love, thank you for calling to us this day. We praise you that you challenging us to show our faith in ministries of peace and justice, offering compassion to all in need. Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of encouragement and challenge. We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Spirit of the Living God  
Sharon Holmes & Scott Bonhard

(Holmes)

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 50:1-8

Don Forden

A Psalm of Asaph.

The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: 'Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!' The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

*Selah* 'Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you.

I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

**HYMN****I Sing the Almighty Power of God**

#152 vs.1-3

1. I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food, who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

3. There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known, and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care; and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

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**SECOND SCRIPTURE**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

**The Meaning of Faith**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith, we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

**The Faith of Abraham**

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Eternal God, from the reading of the Scriptures, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Doug Williams

**RESPONSE****Into My Heart**

#2160 vs.1

1. Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus; come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.



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**PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Generous God, hold our gifts in your loving hands and bless them as we offer them for your work here. Refresh our ideas as we plan for their use and invite in us even greater generosity as we see the needs around us. Amen.**

**COMMUNION**

**LORDS PRAYER**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

Come Share the Lord (Christopher)  
Sharon Holmes & Scott Bonhard

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN**

**Lift Every Voice and Sing**

#519 vs.1-3

1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty; let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.
2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

**BLESSING****PEOPLES RESPONSE      Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place**

#328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His  
grace, I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

**POSTLUDE**

Blessed Assurance  
David Atkins, Pianist

(arr. Bock)



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# Prayer Request

... from Sharon Holmes, for Brian who tested positive for COVID on his trip to Knoxville.

... from Lily, please pray for Pepit Quillope, he has COVID and undergoing dialysis.

... from Bev Miller, for my friends Cheryl & Ray Parker in Kentucky.



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# Worship Leaders for Today

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