



“Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.”

Exodus 1:8

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

August 23, 2020

12th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 124

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side – let the people say:

People: If it had not been the Lord on our side, when our enemies attacked us,

Leader: Then they would have swallowed us up alive in their anger.

People: Then the flood would have swept over us, raging waters washing us away.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, who set us free, for like a bird we have escaped.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” - #117

Charles Dickerson

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!**

**Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Loving God, you seek to stir our hearts and lead us into deeper relationships with each other, with our world, and with you. Sometimes your service seems light and easy, and we move forward with joy. But other times you call your people to take on tasks that seem completely beyond us. You ask us to live with courage, and to trust in you when we cannot see the way ahead. Open our hearts to the needs of your people. Lead us in the paths of peace and justice, as we seek to follow you. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

John Nelson

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Jonathan Chute

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Jonathan Chute

ANTHEM “*Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You*” – J. Althouse Choir Quartet

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Diane Rehfield

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.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES
OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

*DOXOLOGY

**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.**

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Oppression and defiance in Egypt

John Nelson

SERMON

“*Five on One*”

Jonathan Chute

HYMN

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” - #399

Charles Dickerson

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jonathan Chute

**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.**

POSTLUDE

“Hard Times Come Again No More”

3rd service ensemble

3rd service ensemble:

Paula Kuno – guitar/mandolin/vocals
Teresa James – piano/flute/vocals
Michael Starr – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals
Zach Provost – piano/vocals
Cory Tramontelli – bass/vocals
Jack Sollecito – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse
Megan Pelc, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director
Debra DeLuca, Children’s Ministry Director
Kristin Rekse, Youth Ministry Director

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Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Althea Waites, Organist
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
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