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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Prayer

arr. Tom Fettke

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Opening Words

Thom Shuman

One: The word has come for us from God:

People: **who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.**

One: The word has come to us from Jesus:

People: **who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.**

One: The word flows to us from the Spirit:

People: **who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.**

* Opening Prayer

St. Boniface (ca. 672-754)

Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children, we praise you for all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for all that you are to us.

In our weakness, you are strength, in our darkness, you are light, in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace.

We cannot number your blessings, we cannot declare your love:
For all your blessings we bless you.

May we live as in your presence, and love the things that you love, and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* Opening Hymn

And I will raise you up

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“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of down,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Congregational Prayer (ending with the Lord's Prayer #731) Thom Shuman

When we fall into the traps of groundless fears, you deliver us. When an epidemic of worry threatens to overcome us, you protect us. When harmful words are flung at us, you answer our cries for help. Gracious God, we worship you.

When our lives crumble, you urge us to buy hope's fields. When we are tempted by wealth, you point us to those who have nothing but share all. When we are eager to grasp senseless lies, you wrap our hands around God's promises. Servant of the poor, we follow you.

When the world silences our hope, you give us the words to make the good confession of faith. When we have lost our way and can no longer endure the emptiness of our lives, you satisfy us from the abundance of God's grace and joy. Sheltering Spirit, we seek your peace.

God in Community, Holy in One, our Refuge, our Trust, our Hope, we lift our prayer to you as Jesus has taught us, saying,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today, our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. AMEN

Song

On Silken, Soft Wings

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On Silken, Soft Wings

SILKEN WINGS 5.5.5.7.5.5.6

D G D A

1 On silk - en, soft wings our first prayers a - rise,
 2 Where year - ing hearts dream, though no joy ap - pears,
 3 When mourn - ing doves call as shad - ows in - crease,

D G D E7 A

as sil - ver dawn sings through lu - mi - nous skies:
 and burn - ing hopes gleam through crys - tal - line tears:
 and wan - ing life draws to long - prom - ised peace:

Bm F#m G D

O Spir - it, pray for us now, in fath - om - less sighs.
 O Spir - it, pray for us still, give wings to our fears.
 O Spir - it, pray for us yet, to bless and re - lease.

G D/A A D

And all shall be well. And all things shall be well.

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

Have you ever considered the purpose of obtaining wealth? Is it to be able to buy whatever catches your eye at any given moment? Is the goal to support any cause or ideal that comes to your attention? Or perhaps it's to simply be able to have enough money to "get by."

None of those are the best motivation for earning a paycheck. Instead, what if we chose to pursue an income that we can use in service to God? What would that look like? It's more about what we do with what we earn than the balance in our checking account. In Proverbs 3:9, we read that we should, "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops."

As we pray before taking up the offering today, let's dedicate our finances to God. Whatever you're giving today, whatever amount you'll give this year, devote your pursuit and use of money to honoring God first and foremost.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Anna Laura Page

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 (NRSV)

Jeremiah Buys a Field During the Siege

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, "Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am

going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Sermon

“The Politically Incorrect Jeremiah:
Part 5 – A Purchase of Hope”

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*** Closing Hymn**

What a fellowship

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I What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

*Leaning (Leaning on Jesus), leaning, (leaning on Jesus)
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus),
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [*Refrain*]
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [*Refrain*]

*** Benediction**

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God of life, God of hope, God of all
Lift us on your love like eagle's wings
Sustain us, Guide us, Heal us
Then send us forth into the world
That we may love as you love. Amen.

Postlude

Faith is the Victory

Ira D. Sankey

* Please stand as able and led



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Worship Leader.....	Alyce Newman
Children's Time.....	Terrie Glass
Special Music.....	Bob Phillips
Flautist.....	Sarah Beers
Guitarist.....	David Whitten
Pianist.....	Bob Phillips
Violinist.....	Bill Kinzie
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