

A colorful illustration of a house on a hill. The house is white with a red door and two windows with yellow light. It has a brown chimney. There are two green trees, one with circular patterns, and a white cloud. The house is on a green hill with a stone archway in front. The entire scene is framed by a decorative border of yellow, purple, and red squares.

Your house  
and your kingdom  
will endure forever  
before me....

2 Samuel 7:16



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**Beloved of Christ, welcome to worship and Christian fellowship this day. May you sense the embrace of God's love through the people you interact with here.**

**Welcome**

**Organ Prelude**

*Meditation for Worship*

Franklin Ritter

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## **GIVE PRAISE TO GOD**

\* **Call to Worship (One/All)**

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Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

**God's ways are just and merciful.**

Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

**In all that they do, they prosper.**

Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

**Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. AMEN.**

\* **Opening Prayer**

God of hope, you promised to make David's household great among the nations. Then you sent your son, Jesus, to transform this world so that all people are one in the great household of God. Show us how to live as your children, as sisters and brothers in your holy and blessed realm, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who will one day welcome us all home. Amen.

# \* Opening Song

## *Standing on the Promises*

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, my King! Thro' e - ter - nal  
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, When the howl - ing  
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, I now can see Per - fect, pres - ent  
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, the Lord, Bound to Him e -  
 5. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, I can - not fall, Lis - t'ning ev - ery

a - ges let His prais - es ring; "Glo - ry in the high - est!" I will  
 storms of doubt and fear as - sail, By the liv - ing Word of God I  
 cleans - ing in the blood for me; Stand - ing in the lib - er - ty where  
 ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord, O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the  
 mo - ment to the Spir - it's call, Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my

shout and sing, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 shall pre - vail, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 Christ makes free, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 Spir - it's Sword, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 All in All, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

### *Refrain*

Stand - ing, stand - ing, Stand - ing on the  
 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, Stand - ing on the

prom - is - es of God, my Sav - ior; Stand - ing,  
 prom - is - es of God, my Sav - ior; Stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

*Optional last refrain setting*

Stand - ing, stand - ing,  
 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God, my Sav - ior; Stand - ing,  
 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God, my Sav - ior; Stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

# CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

## Time with Our Children

### Song

#### *Shout to the Lord*

#125<sup>VT</sup>

*Shout to the Lord* by Darlene Zschech  
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Verse: My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord, there is none like you;  
all of my days, I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength;  
let ev'ry breath, all that I am,  
never cease to worship you.

*Refrain: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,  
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand;  
nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

## Pastoral Prayer

# WORSHIP IN GIVING

### Special Music

#### *My Tribute*

Andraé Crouch

*My Tribute* by Andraé Crouch  
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How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me?  
Things so undeserved, Yet You gave to prove Your love for me;  
The voices of a million angels Could not express my gratitude.  
All that I am, and ever hope to be; I owe it all to Thee.

To God be the glory, To God be the glory, To God be the glory  
For the things He has done.

With His blood He has saved me; With His power He has raised me;  
To God be the glory For the things He has done.

Just let me live my life – Let it pleasing, Lord, to Thee;  
And if I gain any praise, Let it go to Calvary.

With His blood He has saved me; With His power He has raised me;  
To God be the glory For the things He has done.

## Offertory Prayer

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and  
grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

### Scripture Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1-17 NRSVUE

#### God's Covenant with David

7 Now when the king was settled in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup> the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." <sup>3</sup> Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Lord is with you."

<sup>4</sup> But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup> "Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup> I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup> Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' <sup>8</sup> Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus

says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel, <sup>9</sup> and I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place and be disturbed no more, and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup> from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup> When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup> I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. <sup>15</sup> But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.” <sup>17</sup> In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

## Song

### *I Love to Tell the Story*

#761 <sup>VT</sup>

1- I love to tell the story of unseen things above:  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true.  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

*Refrain- I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

2- I love to tell the story. 'Tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.      *Refrain*

- 3- I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.      *Refrain*

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

**Sermon**      "House: Spiritual or Worldly Kingdom"

\* **Song**      *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*      #421<sup>VT</sup>

- 1- A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.  
Our present help amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe  
with craft and cunning great, and armed with cruel hate;  
on earth there is no equal.
- 2- If we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
but there is one who takes our side, the one of God's own choosing.  
You ask who that may be: Christ Jesus, it is he!  
The Lord of hosts by name, from age to age the same.  
None else can win the battle.
- 3- And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we tremble not, for God has willed that truth will triumph through us.  
Though Satan rant and rage and fiercest war engage,  
such wrath we can endure, for evil's doom is sure.  
One little word shall end it.
- 4- That Word beyond all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, is sounding.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, by God's good grace abounding.  
Lay down all earthly fame, wealth, fam'ly, life, and name.  
The body they may kill; God's truth will triumph still.  
God's reign endures forever.



\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Oh When the Saints Go Marching In*

James Black

*\* Please stand as able and led*

*After sharing our joys and concerns, you are invited to join us  
across the hall for a meal in appreciation of our staff.*



Our thanks to all who have helped to prepare and  
lead this morning's worship service, including:

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| <b>Ministers</b> .....     | <b>All Members</b> |
| Pastor .....               | David Whitten      |
| Minister of Music .....    | Vanessa Morton     |
| Worship Leader .....       | Ann Andrus         |
| Children's Time .....      | Sarah Hartman      |
| Flautist .....             | Sarah Hartman      |
| Guitarist .....            | David Whitten      |
| Dir. of Media & Tech ..... | Kevin Beers        |