



**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CENTERING MOMENT:**

We judge people in areas where we're vulnerable to shame, especially picking folks who are doing worse than we're doing. If I feel good about my parenting, I have no interest in judging other people's choices. If I feel good about my body, I don't go around making fun of other people's weight or appearance. We're hard on each other because we're using each other as a launching pad out of our own perceived deficiency.

*-Brené Brown, Daring Greatly*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We have come to listen to the biblical stories.

**We have come to consider our own stories.**

Have you seen the woman who named God?

**Have you heard the cries of Israel?**

Have you known the sacred silence?

**Have you rejoiced in restored life?**

Have you heard of the disobeying midwives?

**Have you listened to the ancient stories?**

Have you heard the voice of truth?

**In the stories of prophets and kings,**

In the stories of widows and orphans,

**In the stories of you and of me.**

God shows up in all of these stories:

**May we have eyes to see and ears to listen. Amen!**

**HYMN #604 "Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God"**

Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker,

Source of all blessing, prodigal creator.

Baptized and made your own, now we come

before you, while we adore you.

Not our own holiness nor that we have striven  
Brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have given.  
Baptized and set apart, strengthen us, O  
Savior, with grace and favor.

Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation;  
You are the truth, our hope, and our salvation.  
Baptize with joy and power, give, O Dove  
Descending, life never ending.

Praise to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
One Lord, one faith, one source of every merit.  
Here now renew your church through this water  
Given; grant peace from heaven.

**PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN SING**

**HYMN #399 "Take My Life, and Let it Be" v 1 & 3**

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.

**SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 2:23-25**

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**All Praise to the Living Word!**

**HYMN #396 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;

Be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.

I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,

Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

**MESSAGE: Belittling, Balding & Bears! (Oh my!)**

## **OFFERING**

## **PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

### **HYMN #578 "Go Forth for God"**

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
Be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
In God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
Till in the kingdom we see face to face.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love;  
Strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
Help the afflicted; richly from above  
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.

Go forth for God, go the world in strength;  
Hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
Render to no one evil; Christ at length  
shall overcome all darkness with his light.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,  
To serve God's people every day and hour,  
And serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

## **BENEDICTION**

## **FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG**

"May the Peace of the Lord Christ"

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,  
Wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,  
protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing at the  
Wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

## **SAVE THE DATE & JOIN US:**

**RALLY DAY:** Wednesday, September 8 from  
5:30-7:30p. Join us for food, fellowship & lawn games from  
5:30-7 & worship around the campfire from 7-7:30p!

**PIE & CAKE AUCTION:** Sunday, September 19 after  
worship. Join us for a pie & cake auction to help support our  
Education Committee. We have been busy the last sixteen  
months with VBS at home in 2020 and VBS in person in  
2021, reinstating book club, Youth Group gatherings online,  
camp sponsorships, and more. Consider bringing a pie or  
dessert and/or coming to bid on some delicious food!

*Love, Pastor Dani*