

Order of Worship, Sunday August 16th

Call to Worship: *Come, all you who are thirsty – come to the waters; and you who have no money, come buy and eat! Listen to me, says the Lord, and eat what is good. Incline your ear, and come unto me, that you may live!*

Opening Hymn: “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing!

Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills, prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe

His craft and pow’r are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing

Were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he!

The Lord of hosts his name from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us

We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him

His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure – one little word shall fell him!

4. That word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also

The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever!

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, hear our prayers. We have trusted in ourselves and doubted you.

We have hidden our weakness and pretended to be strong. We have admired

the powerful and despised the lowly. We acknowledge our sin. Reshape our

hearts, O God, that we might boast in our weakness, and glory in your strength

alone, through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (Psalm 118):

In distress I called to the Lord – he answered me, and set me in a broad place.

The Lord my God is my strength and my song, he also has become my salvation!

Song of Response: "You Make Me Brave"

I stand before you now; the greatness of your renown

I have heard of the majesty and wonder of you, King of heaven, in humility, I bow!

(Chorus) As your love, in wave after wave, crashes over me, crashes over me

For you are for us, you are not against us

Champion of heaven, you made a way for all to enter in!

I have heard you calling my name. I have heard the song of love that you sing,

So I will let you draw me out beyond the shore into your grace, your grace!

(Chorus 2x)

Bridge: You make me brave, you make me brave

You call me out beyond the shore into the waves

You make me brave, you make me brave

No fear can hinder now the love that made a way

You make me brave, you make me brave

You call me out beyond the shore into the waves

You make me brave, you make me brave

No fear can hinder now the promises you made

(repeat)

(chorus)

Scripture: 2 Cor. 12:7-10

Message: *"Good News! When You Are Weak, You're Strong"*

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Song of Praise: "Oceans"

You call me out upon the waters – the great unknown where feet may fail

And there I find you in the myst'ry, in oceans deep my faith will stand

(Chorus) I will call upon your name, and keep my eyes above the waves, when oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace, for I am yours and you are mine!

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, you've never failed and you won't start now!

(Chorus)

(Bridge) Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders, let me walk upon the waters, wherever you would call me!

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander, and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my savior.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Benediction