

JULY 25, 2021 BLENDED (9:30 ONLY)

**“TREASURED – A WORD FROM OUR LORD, GOD”
“A Word from Habakkuk (God’s Strength)”**

**PRE – SERVICE SONG – Everlasting God
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
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Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Our God, You reign forever. Our Hope, our strong Deliverer.**

**You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.
You do not faint, You won’t grow weary.
You’re the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need,
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Interlude

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RINGING OF THE BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN – Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus LSB 660

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner; it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead
Till every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict in this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him against un-numbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus; stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.**

INVOCATION, OUR CONFESSION AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: We confess our sins together:

**C: Lord of hosts, hear the confession of our sins and grant us Your mercy and forgiveness.
We have not trusted in Your promised protection and strength but have looked elsewhere
for help and refuge. You alone have provided the remedy for that which truly causes our
separation, troubles and death. For the sake of Christ, Your Son, our Redeemer, grant us
forgiveness and deliverance from all that would keep us from the hope that You provide.
We ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

P: To all who call upon His name, God hears and keeps His promise of forgiveness, mercy and help. With all confidence, I as a called and ordained servant of the Word, tell you that your sins have been forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

**RESPONSE – Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING – Habukkuk 1:2-4, 12-13, 2:1-3, 3:17-19

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and You will not hear? Or cry to You "Violence!" and You will not save? ³Why do You make me see iniquity, and why do You idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

¹²Are You not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, You have ordained them as a judgment, and You, O Rock, have established them for reproof. ¹³You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do You idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?

2 I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ²And the LORD answered me: "Write the

vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³ For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹ GOD, the Lord, is my strength; He makes my feet like the deer's; He makes me tread on my high places.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING – Ephesians 1:18-23

...having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might ²⁰ that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL – Matthew 5:3-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE SONG – Lord, I Need You

**Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest
And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.**

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.**

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.

So, teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
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MESSAGE – “A Message from Habakkuk (God’s Strength)”
Pastor Lew Stier

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN – Precious Lord, Take My Hand LSB 739

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near.

When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call; hold my hand lest I fall.

Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near

And the day is almost gone,

At the river I stand; guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

SONG – Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less,

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,

But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

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Than Jesus' blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,

But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Christ alone, Cornerstone,

Weak made strong in the Savior's love.

Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face,

I rest on His unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale,

My anchor holds within the veil.

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Weak made strong in the Savior's love.

Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

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**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone.
Faultless stand before the throne.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION – Jude 24-25

P: To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – Be Strong in the Lord Celebration Hymnal 734

**Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;
Your mighty defender is always the same.
Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending;
Victory is sure when you call on His name.**

**Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
And be of good courage for He is your guide.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,
And rejoice of the vict'ry is yours.**

**Be strong in the Lord and be of good courage,
Your mighty Commander will vanquish the foe.
Fear not the battle for the vict'ry is always His;
He will protect you wherever you go.**

**Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
And be of good courage for He is your guide.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,
And rejoice for the vict'ry is yours.**

POST SONG – You Never Let Go