

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Danyelle Ditmer, www.littlepeoplebigword.com

Holy One, we gather in Your presence to give You thanks and to celebrate the gift of Your love - both gentle and fierce, both strong and humble, both kind and true. Your love has given birth to the whole of creation, supports and nurtures us, cares enough to correct us, and challenges us in ways that strengthen and transform us. Teach us to trust in You above all else, so that we might continue to draw strength from Your abundant love and grow into the people You created us to be. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Message for Young Disciples

Cara Norris

Proclamation and Response

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Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8 (NRSV)

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 3:14-19

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,

what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Grounded Faith: Seeds

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Prayers of the People

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Prayer

Closing Song

Praise You in This Storm

Bernie Hermns | Mark Hall

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Verse 1

I was sure by now, God, You would have reached down
And wiped our tears away, stepped in and saved the day
But once again I'll say amen, and it's still rainin'

Pre-Chorus

As the thunder rolls, I barely hear You whisper through the rain, "I'm with You"
And as Your mercy falls, I'll raise my hands
And praise the God who gives and takes away

Chorus

And I'll praise You in this storm, and I will lift my hands
For You are who You are no matter where I am
And ev'ry tear I've cried You hold in Your hand
You never left my side, and though my heart is torn
I will praise You in this storm

Verse 2

I remember when I stumbled in the wind
You heard my cry to You and raised me up again
But my strength is almost gone
How can I carry on if I can't find You

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

I lift my eyes unto the hills
Where does my help come from
My help comes from the Lord
The Maker of heaven and earth **(Repeat)**

Chorus

Sending Forth

Announcements

Graduation Celebration

Vacation Bible School Registration is now open

RUMNS Registration for the Fall now open

Benediction

Postlude

Just a Closer Walk With Thee
~ Jack Schrader

Ross Merryman