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# The Lord's Day — May 6, 2018 A.D.

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

**Psalm 7:17**

I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

### \*Hymn of Praise

#### **I Sing the Almighty Power of God (TH #119)**

**Watts**

I sing the almighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with His Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Your glories known;  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne;  
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care,  
And everywhere that man can be, You, God, are present there.

### \*Invocation 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.**

### Confession of Sin

**Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, Redeemer of Your people, we bow in humble confession of our sins because You have promised to forgive us on the merits of Christ, Your only Son, the Lamb of God who covers our iniquities. You alone know how often we have offended You and injured others. Forgive us, O Lord, for every irreverent thought, for every untrue word, for every unkind act, for our neglect of prayer, for every selfish use of money, and for forgetfulness of our sacred vows. O God, have mercy upon us and heal us, and enable us by Your Holy Spirit to walk after the example of Christ, our Lord and King. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

**1 John 5:11-12**

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

## \*Hymn of Forgiveness

### Facing a Task Unfinished

Facing a task unfinished, That drives us to our knees,  
A need that, undiminished, Rebukes our slothful ease  
We, who rejoice to know Thee, Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee, To go and make Thee known  
Where other lords beside Thee, Hold their unhindered sway  
Where forces that defied Thee, Defy Thee still today  
With none to heed their crying, For life, and love, and light  
Unnumbered souls are dying, And pass into the night

*We go to all the world, With kingdom hope unfurled, No other name has power to save, But Jesus Christ The Lord*

We bear the torch that flaming, Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming, That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission, The same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition, To Thee we yield our powers  
O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired  
Savior, whose love constrained them, To toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend us, From lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us, To labor for Thy sake

## \*New Testament Reading

**Matthew 26:14, 59-66**

Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests. Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death."

## Prayers of the Church

## Tithes & Offering

## Hymn of Preparation

### Rock of Ages (TH #500)

Ward/Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow?  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.  
While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death;  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

**Sermon**

**The Deceiver Deceived**  
**Genesis 29** (page 23)

**Pastor Jeff Hooker**

**\*Hymn of Response**

**A Mighty Fortress is Our God (TH #92)**

**Luther**

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.  
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,  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.  
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.  
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.

**\*Benediction**

**Corporate Response**

**Facing a Task Unfinished**  
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