

Order of Worship: Sunday, April 3, 2022
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Prelude *My Song Is Love Unknown*, (setting by D. Wood) Gaye Herndon, organ

Welcome Rev. Kandace Brooks

Call to Worship: Connie Zeigler, liturgist (online)

L: Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and Christ will give rest.

P: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up on wings like eagles.

L: God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble.

P: Therefore, our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest secure.

Opening Hymn *Amazing Grace* (UMH #378)

Affirmation of Faith "Affirmation of Faith for the Church" written by Arlene M. Mark

We believe that God has established the church,
and will preserve and protect it
as a corporate reflection of God's presence among us,
providing a foretaste of our glorious hope.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church
and died to come alive in true resurrection,
even as we die to sin and live to life eternal
in baptism into Christ's body.

We believe that the Holy Spirit breathed fire and life
into the church at Pentecost
and still provides redeeming power
for its preservation and ministry.

We believe in the fellowship of all saints
who have responded in faith to Jesus Christ
and who affirm loyalty to God above all else
in life and death.

We believe each member is called
to live faithfully as Jesus lived
by loving and serving others,
demonstrating the new creation in Christ.

We believe the church is a community of disciples,
using gifts freely and wisely
for the common good of the body
and to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ
until he comes again.

Gloria Patri

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Lamb of God*, (T. Paris/arr. L. Larson) Se'lah

Children's Message

Scripture

1 KINGS 19:1-18

¹ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "**I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.**"

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "**I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.**" ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Sermon

"HOPE: when overwhelmed and burnt-out"

Rev. Becky Rokitowski

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness (UMH #140)

Closing Prayer

**May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope.**

Postlude

In the Cross of Christ I Glory, (setting by J. Carter)