

Sunday, November 21st
Be the Church~ Hope

Prelude, Words of Welcome, Reading from Today's Daily Text

Opening Hymn

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #461 vs 1
*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!*

Liturgy A General Prayer of Intercession

God's amazing grace is offered to us today, tomorrow, and forever. Thanks be to God!

God's grace renews our lives like a flowing stream. Thanks be to God for the wellspring of the joy of living.

In the assurance of God's unconditional love poured out for us in Jesus Christ, we pray first for ourselves and for our needs:

For forgiveness for wrongs we have done and good deeds we have not done,
For courage to change what needs changing within our lives,
For wisdom to seek God's guidance,
For healing of our body, mind, spirit, and relationships,
For a thankful awareness of all the blessings of our lives,

(Silent prayer)

Hear our prayers, God of grace.

Meet us in our need and in our honesty.

In the abundance of your mercy, we pray for others:

For members of our families,
For our friends and neighbors,
For those with whom we work, and learn, and play,
For the sick, the frightened, the lonely,
For those who grieve,
For those who are desperate and angry,
For those in prison,
For the hungry, the homeless, the poor,
For those we perceive as our enemies,

(Silent prayer)

Hear our prayers, God of compassion.

Send your Spirit upon all for whom we pray.

In the awareness that we are one with all your human creation, we pray about the issues that confront us all:

For our planet and the environment in which we live,
For the end of war, ethnic conflict, and all violence,
For liberation from racism, bigotry, and injustice,
For freedom from addictions of all kinds,
For the end of abuse of children, women, and men,
For each member of the human family,
that all may know the dignity and worth of being a child of God,
For solutions to our common human dilemmas, and for our dedication to be part of those solutions,

(Silent prayer)

Hear our prayers, God of justice, God of love.

May your love and justice be manifest in our lives.

We pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven."

In this act of worship, we come in faith -- faith that our problems will not defeat us, faith that our hearts and spirits can be renewed, faith that we are not alone; for you are with us.

Thanks be to you, God our Savior, for meeting us here in this time and place. Thanks be to you for forgiving us, for freeing us, and for strengthening us to be your disciples in this life.

We are filled with the grace, mercy, and peace of God.

We are filled with the love of Jesus Christ. We give thanks that we are blessed, and we commit ourselves to be a blessing to others. Amen.

Hymn

"My Life Flows on" #701 vs 1

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

Meditation With Youth and Children

Scripture Isaiah 9:1-7

Sermon *Be the Church~ Hope*

Our Offerings *Celebrating the ways we can offer ourselves and our resources
to reflect Christ's light in our care for others*

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Prayer

Hymn

"Life Ev'ry Voice and Sing" #707 vs. 1

*Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.*

Benediction & Postlude

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