# THE OLD OLD STORY

OLD TESTAMENT STORIES WE MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN

RUTH • JOSEPH & HIS BROTHERS • SAMSON & DELILAH



JACOB • ESTHER • PROVERBS 31 • JONAH • DAVID & GOLIATH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

**PRELUDE** 

Contemplation on Tallis' Cannon

Richard Purvis (1913—1994)

# \*CALL TO WORSHIP1

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Put your trust in the Lord who will not fail you, in him there is abundant life.

When a mortal's breath departs, they return to the earth; but God's plans never perish.

Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord, their God,

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

Who keeps faith forever.

Let us worship the Lord!

\*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

# \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

Lord of our past, present, and future, we confess our struggles to accept that life does not always go according to plan. We become convinced of a certain path for our years and are angered when the path diverges or suddenly ends. We flounder in the face of uncertainty and begin to doubt your presence and even doubt your love. Throughout our doubt you are steadfast, always opening another door, clearing another path, preparing the ground for new life to take root and flourish if we are willing to go where you go, if we are willing to be your people, if we remember that you are our God, now and forever.

# \*SILENT PRAYER

# \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

When we are distant and slow to receive you, you welcome us. When we are unsure of our faith, you inspire and encourage us. When we sin and sin again, you forgive us, and forgive us again, in Christ.

Thanks be to God for his steadfast love, whose mercy endures, and whose love never ends. In him we find shalom. In him we find the peace of the forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Ms. Joy Maple

\*HYMN 735 I Need Thee Every Hour NEED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dr. Casto-Waters

SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 3:1-15; 4:13-17

SERMON

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen!

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Ellsworth-Moran

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.

\*HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

Voluntary on RICHMOND

Charles Callahan (1951—2023)

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<sup>\*</sup>All who are able please stand

<sup>1</sup> Inspired by Psalm 146:1-6

# **Participating in Worship**



**Preacher**Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Worship Leaders Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran Rev. Boyd Lien Ms. Joy Maple

Musicians

Mr. S.C. Toe Dr. Wayne Lord Summer Choir

Friendship Pad Pick-up Jerry Howington

#### Ushers

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David Curley Baxter Bailey
Ann Overstreet Gary Loyd

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