# 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

How Firm a Foundation

Wilbur Held (1914—2015)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP1

We live in the shelter of the Most High,

And abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

We need not fear the darkness of night or the arrow that flies by day;

The Lord is my refuge and my fortress; I place my trust in him.

The Lord covers us with his pinions, and under his wings we find refuge;

The Lord's faithfulness is a shield and defense. Let us worship the Lord!

\*HYMN 2

Come Thou Almighty King

**ITALIAN HYMN** 

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

Rev. Boyd Lien

Lord, your servant, Moses, declared to the people, "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." In these words, we take comfort in God's unwavering presence. Yet, in return, we are inconsistent believers. We run to God in our troubles and we forget him in our ease. We are one moment devoted to you, and the next we are following our tempters. Help us hold fast to the hem of your robe, Lord, that we may stay near you, that where you lead we will follow, and that we not loosen our grip on love and grace for they bind us in Christ to all hope.

\*SILENT PRAYER

#### \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

"Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." For our God is a loving God, who has received us into the fold and welcomes us into the resurrection life in Christ, our Lord.

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 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 13-16 (selected verses)

**SERMON** 

**OFFERTORY** 

On Eagle's Wings

Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

\*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. Lien

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.

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH4

Dr. Casto-Waters

We believe in God, sovereign in grace and love, maker of all things. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, the first born of a new creation. We believe in God's eternal Spirit, pledge and foretaste of the future, given that we may not lose the way, who has endowed us with a diversity of gifts. We are a pilgrim people...called to live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church. In this unity, we offer our worship, witness, and service, and receive one another in love and joy; and so we look with yearning and hope to the final reconciliation of humanity with God, and the renewal of all creation. Amen.

\*HYMN 295 Go to the World! SINE NOMINE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Antiphon George Muffat (1635—1704)

\*All who are able please stand

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Flowers—The flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Katherine Fleming Norvell to Kyle Richard Giroch on August 24, in Franklin, Tennessee, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Norvell, Jr.

Please contact Mrs. Dianne Brown (706-799-8501) if you are interested in providing flowers for our worship services.

<sup>1</sup> Based on Psalm 91

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Referencing Deuteronomy 31:6-8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Referencing Hebrews 4:16

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Adapted from the Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia from Uniting in Worship 2

# **Participating in Worship**



**Preacher**Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

Worship Leaders Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters Rev. Boyd Lien Ms. Joy Maple

*Musicians*Dr. Wayne Lord

Friendship Pad Pick-up Leslie Owen

#### Ushers

Jim Norvell Richard Hinman Steve Sanders Benton Johnson Andy Magruder Jim Trotter Kirby Yawn

#### **STAFF**

Reverend Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters, Pastor, ext. 303 Reverend Nadine Ellsworth-Moran, Associate Pastor, ext. 301 Reverend Boyd Lien, Parish Associate, ext. 314 Dr. Wayne Lord, Organist / Choirmaster, ext. 315 Mrs. Jenny Davison, Children's Music Assistant Ms. Joy Maple, Director of Christian Education, ext. 305 Miss Makenzie Landrum, Nursery Coordinator Miss Makenzie Landrum, Interim Director of Children and Youth Ministries, ext. 304 Mrs. Anna Sanders, Director of Mother's Day Out and Preschool, ext. 309 Mrs. Dawn McCraith, Director of Operations, ext. 302 Mrs. Becky Godbee, Communications Liaison, ext. 300 Mrs. Jenn Harrison, Financial Assistant, ext. 307 Mr. Leonard Jones, Facilities Supervisor Ms. Helen Moss, Custodian Ms. Denisha Nelson, Custodian Mr. Tyler Cashin, Audio/Visual Technician

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Scott Monnig	Jean McKnight	Seth Harbin
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