

Sunday, November 14, 2021

**We'd like to thank all who are joining us virtually on YouTube, Facebook, or our website. We welcome our radio audience on WCBC where this service will air next week at 9 a.m. We also welcome those joining us in the Parking lot via *fm92.3*.**

Welcome to worship.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A few reminders of the goings on in our church and community... If you'd like to receive a weekly email letting you know what's coming up at LaVale United simply call, email, or reach us through private message on facebook, and we will put you on the One Call Now list.
- Sunday School for all ages, Pre-K-High School and beyond! Join us for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. [Register your kids here](#). Download the [Parent Cue](#) app for more involvement. Join the youth on Sunday evening @ 6:30.
- November Mission Project – Thanksgiving Meal Baskets. Help provide a special meal for our neighbors who would not otherwise be able to celebrate, \$30. We will pack boxes on November 21.
- October Mission Project – [Operation Christmas Child](#) Help cover mailing costs to send Shoeboxes overseas, \$9. You can give online.
- Dig out your coats from last year, because the United Methodist Women want to redistribute them. Donate for people in need in our area.
- Local mission opportunity: [Maryland Poor People's Campaign: Western Region](#). Bible study with lunch on November 16, 11-12:30. Please [RSVP](#) by Monday. Join us!
- If you would like a "Just Be Kind" lawn sign (\$10), or a daily devotional book (free), please call the church office and request it.

Questions? Call the church office (301) 722-6800.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Not one stone will be left on stone.

We worship our Rock and our Salvation

Beware that no one leads you astray

We worship our source of wisdom and truth

When all seems lost, this is just the beginning of the birth pangs.

We are here to worship the Word that endures and the hope that is born among us.

## **PRELUDE/LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

(based on Matthew 24:1-14, Mark 13:1-13, Luke 21:5-19)

When the skies grow dark and buildings fall, then hear us:  
have mercy on us, Lord.

When deceivers come and the nations rise in anger, then hear us:  
have mercy on us, Lord.

When famines begin,  
and when the earth shakes to bring the future to birth, then hear us:  
have mercy on us, Lord.

When we take our stand to witness to your truth,  
when our people are arrested and betrayed, then hear us:  
have mercy on us, Lord.

When the sun is darkened and the moon fails to give us light,  
and when the stars fall from the sky, then hear us:  
have mercy on us, Lord.

When you come in your great power and glory with your angels from heaven:  
Then, Lord,  
gather us from the four winds—  
from the ends of the earth,  
to be with you for ever and ever. Amen.

Written by Michael Perry. Posted on the Jubilate Hymns website, <http://www.jubilate.co.uk>.  
Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/11/advent-prayer-that-we-may-be-ready.html>.

**\*OPENING HYMN** - How Firm A Foundation

Verse 1

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word  
What more can He say than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Verse 2

Fear not I am with thee O be not dismayed  
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid  
I'll strengthen thee help thee  
And cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My gracious omnipotent hand

Verse 3

When through the deep waters He calls thee to go  
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow  
For He will be with thee in trouble to bless  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

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## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 13:1-8

13:1 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!"

13:2 Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

13:3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,

13:4 "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?"

13:5 Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray.

13:6 Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray.

13:7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.

13:8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

**SERMON** Not One Stone: A Life That Matters Series Rev. Frankie Revell  
[Jerusalem Temple at the Time of Jesus](#)

## **PRAYER**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we lift up our hearts to You in prayer, trusting in Your help:

You have promised to be our keeper – to guard our going out and coming in from this time forth and forever more, and so we ask that You would be with and uphold those who are ill. Grant them healing according to Your will.

As we look forward to the day of Christ's return in glory, help us by Your Holy Spirit to remember Your holy law, statutes, and just decrees and walk in them according to Your will and in this way show reverence for Your holy name which You have bestowed upon us in Baptism.

We ask Your blessing upon our national economy and upon our own jobs and financial well-being. Direct the unemployed to useful labor that will provide for their needs. Lead us to be generous to those who are suffering economic hardships. Sustain in us all a strong work ethic so that so that we might provide for our families, help those in need, and give generously for the work of the church. Help us to not grow weary in doing good.

Give us an ongoing awareness that this world and the things of this world will not endure forever, but there will come a Last Day. In the midst of natural disasters and socio-economic distress and political uncertainty help us to see these events as signs of the end so that day would not catch us unaware but that instead we would recognize that our redemption is drawing near.

Bless Your church on earth. Protect us from false teachers who would deceive by Your name and lead us astray. Help us to always hold fast to the firm foundation of Your Word. In the midst of uncertain times, grant us the mouth and the wisdom to bear witness to Your Son Jesus Christ and the redemption we have in Him.

Dear heavenly Father, whatever else You see that we need—whatever is for the good of our neighbor and redounds to Your glory—we pray that You would grant to us, Your children. We ask it Jesus' name, Amen.

Excerpted from a prayer written by Allan Eckert and posted on the South Texas Lutheran website, <http://thesouthtexaslutheran.blogspot.ca/2010/11/general-pray-proper-28c.html>.  
Reposted: [https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/10/pastoral-prayer-proper-28c\\_13.html](https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/10/pastoral-prayer-proper-28c_13.html).

**HONORING OUR VETERANS** “Patriotic Banjo Medley” Rev. Frankie Revell

## **PRAYER QUILTS**

### **OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Mighty God, Architect of the Universe; your work of creation and building is always before us! We give our gifts this day in hopes that we might be co-builders with you in the creation of your kingdom here on earth! May our gifts also reach others who are hurting, who feel disconnected from your love, that they too may join us in the stonework of kingdom-building, whose mortar is the sharing of Christ's love with the world. In Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.  
(Mark 13:1-8)

**\*CLOSING HYMN** - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Ein Feste Burg)

Verse 1

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.

Verse 3

And tho' this world with devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph thru 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.

Verse 4

That word above all earthly pow'rs  
No thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Thru 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.

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### **\*VETERANS DAY PRAYER**

“On this day, we call to mind those who gave their lives that our nation might live. Alas that its preservation should have entailed the loss of so much treasure, should have brought so much suffering, should have demanded so many young and promising young lives! The only fitting memorial to those sacrifices is our self-dedication to the task of abolishing all inner strife, hatred, and bitterness from among us.” ~ from The Faith of America

Creator God, in a spirit of community we pause to remember lives lost and lives forever changed in war. May we also remember your great love for us, and that there is no greater demonstration

of love than to lay down one's life for another. Grant that our reflections today honor those who made that choice as well as the many more willing to do so if called upon. To honor their legacy we commit ourselves to be more vigilant in our love for others, for our nation, and the cause of freedom, justice and peace throughout the world.

Amen.

May the remembrance of the price we paid for our life as a nation impel us to seek justice, to foster freedom, and to pursue the ways of peace. May our nation be a source of blessing to all its people and to the rest of humankind.

Amen.

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\*DISMISSAL**