

Call to Worship: (Adapted Psalm 46)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

People: Come, behold the works of the Lord.

Leader: How he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

People: Be still and know that I am God.

Leader: God will be exalted among the nations; he will be exalted in the earth!

All: The Lord of hosts is with us!

Confession of Sin:

God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. We confess that we doubt you. Forgive us for the smallness of our faith. Help us to place our trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: (based on Mark 4)

With Christ as the uniting element, God's grace washes upon the turbulent shores of our lives; and we are forgiven to begin again; to live at peace with ourselves and others, with Christ and creation, allowing justice and love to flow freely through our lives. If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us and we are at peace with God.

Turn to each other and say: Peace be to you, through Christ.

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Theme: God's Power Over Our Enemies

Quotes:

We must make a great difference between God's Word and the word of man. A man's word is a little sound, that flies into the air, and soon vanishes; but the Word of God is greater than heaven and earth, yea, greater than death and hell, for it forms part of the power of God, and endures everlastingly. –Martin Luther

To get angry because you are angry, upset at being upset, depressed at being depressed, disappointed because you are disappointed, [leads nowhere]. So, do not fool yourself. Surrender to the Power of God's love, which is always greater than our weakness.

–St. Francis de Sales

Scripture:

2 Chronicles 20:5-6

⁵And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, ⁶and said, "O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you.

Ephesians 1:19-23

¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Prayer of Preparation: Lord, may I feel your power today in worship. May I trust in your perfect strength. I wait on you because your timing and might are greater than mine. Amen.

Scripture Passage: 1 Samuel 17:1-54

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1. Spiritual preparation before the battle.

³⁷ And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

2. Spiritual strength in the battle.

⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

3. Spiritual power over the battle.

⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand."