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PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely #2042

How lovely, Lord, how lovely Is you abiding place; My soul is longing, fainting, To feast upon your grace. The sparrow finds a shelter, A place to build her nest; And so your temple calls us Within its walls to rest.

In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day is better than a thousand if I from you should stray. I'd rather keep the entrance And claim you as my Lord Than revel in the riches The ways of sin afford.

A sun and shield forever are you, O God most high; You shower us with blessings No good will you deny. The saints, your grace receiving, From the strength to strength shall go, And from their life shall rivers Of blessings overflow.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 17: 1-10 (NRSV)

17 Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." 2 The word of the Lord came to him, saying, 3 "Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. 4 You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." 5 So he went and did according to the word of the Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the wadi. 7 But after a while the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land. 8 Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 9 "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." 10 So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink."

1 Kings 17: 1-10 (NLT)

17 Now Elijah, who was from Tishbe in Gilead, told King Ahab, "As surely as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives—the God I serve—there will be no dew or rain during the next few years until I give the word!" 2 Then the Lord said to Elijah, 3 "Go to the east and hide by Kerith Brook, near where it enters the Jordan River. 4 Drink from the brook and eat what the ravens bring you, for I have commanded them to bring you food." 5 So Elijah did as the Lord told him and camped beside Kerith Brook, east of the Jordan. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat each morning and evening, and he drank from the brook. 7 But after a while the brook dried up, for there was no rainfall anywhere in the land. 8 Then the Lord said to Elijah, 9 "Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you." 10 So he went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, "Would you please bring me a little water in a cup?"

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Divine Dip

Rev. Claudia Stallings

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

CONSECRATING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

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

HYMN God Will Take Care of You #130

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.
Refrain:
God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you; when dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

All you may need he will provide, God will take care of you; nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you; lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Prayer Requests

Amy Salley
Carol Hotchkiss
Caroline Kastelberg
Claudette Stuart
Debbie Mullins
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Frances Owen
Justus
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