

Today's sermon is the part of the *Sermon on the Mount* series, which will continue up to the first day of advent on November 29. A Sermon Series outline is provided under the *Reflections* tab on the Maplewood website: www.maplewoodpres.org.

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 65:5-12
(New Living Translation)

Our salvation and honor come from God alone.
He is our refuge, and a Rock of safety.

**We wait quietly before God,
for our hope is in him,
our Rock and our Salvation.**



O my people, trust him at all times.
Pour out your heart to God, for he is our fortress.

**We wait quietly before God,
for our hope is in him,
our Rock and our Salvation.**

From the greatest to the lowliest—
all are nothing in his sight.

If you weigh them on the scales,
they are lighter than a puff of air.

**We wait quietly before God,
for our hope is in him,
our Rock and our Salvation.**

Don't try to get rich by false means or trickery.
And if your wealth increases,
don't make it the center of your life.

**We wait quietly before God,
for our hope is in him,
our Rock and our Salvation.**

God has spoken plainly—
we have heard it many times.
Power, O God, belongs to you;
unfailing love, O Lord, is yours.

**We wait quietly before God,
for our hope is in him,
our Rock and our Salvation.**

HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

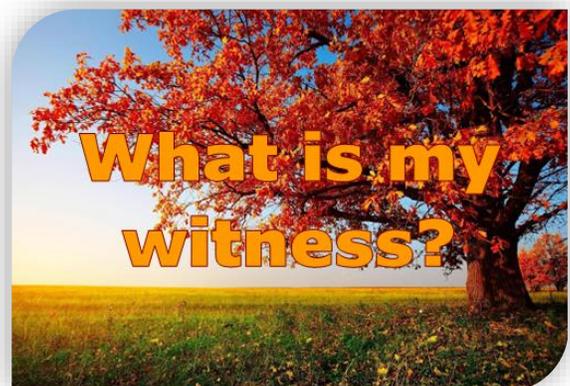
In remembrance of Reformation Sunday (which was actually last week), we sing this grand hymn that was written by Martin Luther.

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
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through 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.

That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through 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!



PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE—*in observance of
All Saints' Day*

God of the ages, we praise you for all those
who have joined the great cloud of witnesses,
who have done justice, loved mercy,
and walked humbly with their God.
For apostles and martyrs and saints
of every time and place,
who in life and death have witnessed to your truth,
we praise you, O God.

For all your servants who have faithfully served you,
witnessed bravely, and died in faith,
who are still shining lights in the world,
we praise you, O God.

For those we have known and loved,
for teachers and colleagues and friends,
for all who by their faithful obedience
and steadfast hope
have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,
we praise you, O God.

For those who were close to us
through the bond of family ties,
for parents and grandparents, husbands and wives,
brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, and in-laws,
we praise you, O God.

For those whose race was cut short,
whose strength and beauty we beheld for a time,
who rest in your arms of love,
for sons and daughters, grandchildren,
nieces and nephews,
we praise you, O God.

**Keep us grateful for their life and witness,
heal us through our remembering, and
strengthen us, until at last you bring us together
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**

**Help us to keep our eyes on Jesus,
forerunner in faith, Lord of all.
Strengthen us in the hope that we, with them,
will taste and see your goodness
in the land of the living.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(time for silent prayer and reflection)

PRAYERS OF PEACE

Pray the peace of Christ for family and loved ones,
neighbors and acquaintances,
friends and enemies,
people and places around the world.

RESPONSE *For All the Saints*

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the king of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Romans 12:14-21 and
Matthew 5:31-32

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

**MESSAGE Sermon on the Mount:
Loving our Enemies**



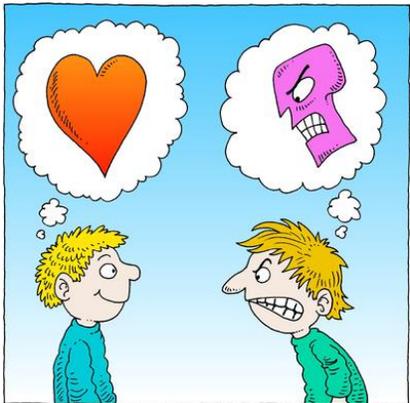
HYMN *Together We Serve*

Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray, through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.



PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray for all in need this day, and for our world,
especially at this time of coronavirus pandemic...

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit ever more;
Praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

**We give in grateful thanksgiving
for all that God has given us.
In the upside-down world of the gospel,
we measure our wealth not by what we have,
but what we can give away.
Let us give away generously, in this offering,
To bless your church, your people, your creation.**

HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
though hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us,
be the guardian of our way.
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear, O hear us when we pray.

Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us do thy will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast loved us, love us still.

BENEDICTION

May the grace of Christ attend you,
The love of God surround you,
And the Holy Spirit keep you,
That you may live in faith,
Abound in hope,
And grow in love,
Now and forevermore.
And all of God's people said, Amen!

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
- John 20:21

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