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War
Stories

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

O Worship the King

Flor Peeters

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Welcome

† **Opening Hymn**

Forward Through the Ages

UMH 555

1. Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine;

gifts in differing measure,
hearts of one accord,
manifold the service,
one the sure reward.

Refrain

Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine.

2. Wider grows the kingdom,
reign of love and light;
for it we must labor,
till our faith is sight.

Prophets have proclaimed it,
martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory.
heroes for it died.

Refrain

Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine.

3. Not alone we conquer,
not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph
lose or triumph all.

Bound by God's far purpose
in one living whole,
move we on together
to the shining goal.

Refrain

Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine.

Blessing for Children

Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 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, forever. Amen.

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scriptures

Joshua 6:15-27 (CEB)

On the seventh day, they got up at dawn. They circled the city in this way seven times. It was only on that day that they circled the city seven times. The seventh time, the priests blew the trumpets. Then Joshua said to the people, "Shout, because the Lord has given you the city! The city and everything in it is to be utterly wiped out as something reserved for the Lord. Only Rahab the prostitute is to stay alive, along with everyone with her in her house. This is because she hid the messengers we sent. But you, keep away from the things set aside for God so that you don't desire and take some of the things reserved. That would turn the camp of Israel into a thing doomed to be utterly wiped out and bring calamity on it. All silver and gold, along with bronze and iron equipment, are holy to the Lord. They must go into the Lord's treasury." Then the people shouted. They blew the trumpets. As soon as the people heard the trumpet blast, they shouted a loud war cry. Then the wall collapsed. The people went up against the city, attacking straight ahead. They captured the city. Without mercy, they wiped out everything in the city as something reserved for God—man and woman, young and old, cattle, sheep, and donkeys.

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Special Music

Vocalise
Julia Rahm, Soprano, Cathy Blickenstaff, Flute

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Message

Inspired: War Stories

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Offertory in G Major

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† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, we come before you knowing that you love us completely. With this knowledge, we confess to you our wrongdoings. Forgive us, Holy One, when we stray from your ways; when we hurt one another; when we ignore the needs of others; when we resist your guidance in our lives. Gracious God, accept our prayers and hold us in your love, that we may be the people you call us to be. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

One: The Lord forgives our sins and washes away our guilt. Brothers and sisters, “be glad in the Lord and rejoice,” for our hearts have been made right with God! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

UMH 576

1. Rise up, Ye saints of God!
Have done with lesser things.
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
to serve the King of kings.
2. Rise up, Ye saints of God!
The kingdom tarries long.
Bring in the day of brotherhood
and end the night of wrong.
3. Rise up, Ye saints of God!
The church for you doth wait,
her strength unequal to her task;
rise up, and make her great!
4. Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod.
As siblings of the Son of Man,
rise up, Ye saints of God!

† Benediction

Postlude

Postlude in F# Minor

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