

But they that  
wait upon the  
**LORD**  
shall renew  
their strength.

Isa. 40:31



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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

12th Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*O Rest in the Lord*

F. Mendelssohn

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.**

The Lord gives power to the faint, and strength to the powerless.

**Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.**

They shall mount up with wings like eagles;

**They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

**Merciful God, we confess that we often run on empty. We rush and strive, leaning on our own effort, forgetting that our strength comes from you. We grow tired on the long road of discipleship and justice, discouraged when change is slow. We lose patience with ourselves, with one another, and even with you. Forgive us, O God. Renew us by your Spirit. Teach us to wait upon you, to rest in your presence, to rise up again in the power of your love. Through Jesus Christ we pray. *(Silent prayers of confession)***

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

Hear the good news! God does not grow weary in showing mercy.

**God lifts us up when we stumble and strengthens us when we fall.**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*PRAISE HYMN 591

"Halle, Halle Hallelujah!"

HALLE, HALLE

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3: 4b -14

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40: 21-31

PROCLAMATION

*Where Does the Power Come From?*

Rev. Tom Buchanan

\*HYMN 824

"There is a Place of Quiet Rest"

MC AFEE

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

**We believe in God, who does not faint or grow weary, whose understanding is beyond measure, who gives power to the faint and strength to the powerless. We believe in Jesus Christ, who took hold of us in love, that we might press on toward the goal of God's reign of justice and peace. In him, our past is redeemed, our future is secure, and our present is filled with resurrection power. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who renews our strength when we stumble, who lifts us up on wings like eagles, who runs with us so that we do not grow weary, who walks with us so that we do not faint. This is our faith, and in this faith we stand, trusting not in our own strength, but in the power of God within us, now and forever. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### OFFERING

*On Eagle's Wings*

arr., Carter-Enyi

\*DOXOLOGY 608 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" HOPSON  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 626  
(singing twice)

"As the Deer "

AS THE DEER

### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" SICILIAN MARINERS  
(verse 1) **Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.**

### \*POSTLUDE

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