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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

**Gather Round: Childhood Stories All Grown Up**

**Daniel: The Den of Lions**

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

*We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Discipleship Medley*

arr. Tate

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: Sometimes we pray, facing an unknown fate.

**P: Sometimes we pray, facing an uncertain world.**

L: Although he would soon be thrown to the lions, Daniel trusted in God and offered his prayers.

**P: We hold that same hope.**

L: When life takes us to a dangerous or troubling edge, we face our own lions.

**P: We stay awake through the night, trying to tame what gives us anxiety or causes us to fear.**

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: Like Daniel, we draw our hope and peace from God.

**P:** And at dawn, the light comes again and we are reminded of God's care.

L: "God is rescuer and savior; God performs signs and miracles in heaven and on earth." (Daniel 6:27a)

**P:** Let us worship the Living God who gives us hope.

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 2153** (FWS, see p. 4)      *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>

L: God, we live in a world with many voices telling us how to live.

**P:** And if we are honest, sometimes following a different path is hard.

L: God who calls us to follow the Way of love and life,

**P:** we know that sometimes we take the path of "go along" because it is easier.

L: God who calls us to be bold, to see visions, to proclaim your word of hope,

**P:** give us the grace and courage we need.

L: God of grace, pour your grace upon us.

**P:** On our fear and on our courage, on our hope and on our despair.

*Time for silent reflection.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Lions come in many shapes and sizes, and live in many types of dens. We may be lead into a valley of fear, but God is there with us, ready to lead us from fear to courage, from hope to despair. Through God's grace:

**P: We are not alone! Thanks be to God! Amen!**

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2022 (FWS, see attached)      *Great is the Lord*

**ALL SING:** Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; by his power we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; by his mercy he proves he is love. Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord!

**GATHER ROUND**

*Daniel and the Lion's Den*  
*Daniel 6: 6-27*

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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**SCRIPTURE  
MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 2027** (FWS, see p. 5)

*Now Praise the Hidden God of Love*

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL:** 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by Cora Beyer)

*Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)*  
by Ingram & Jobe

**COMMISSIONING OF CARE DISCIPLES<sup>6</sup>**

*Natalie Behrends, Rob & Beth Cunningham, Robin Schriver, Nancy Sleeper, & Barb Waltemyer*

**OFFERTORY**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*I Offer My Life*

by Moen

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2036 (FWS)

*Give Thanks*

**ALL SING:** Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks. Give thanks!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 570** (black hymnal)

*We Shall Overcome*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***POSTLUDE**

*Improvisations on Aberystwyth*

by Hopson

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## 2153 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me \_\_\_\_\_

— an - y - where, Lord, — an - y - time! \_\_\_\_\_  
 (an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me \_\_\_\_\_

— an - y - where, Lord, — an - y - time! \_\_\_\_\_  
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

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# 2027 Now Praise the Hidden God of Love



1. Now praise the hid - den God of love, in whom we  
2. Who chal-lenged us, when we were young, to storm the  
3. Who bids us nev - er lose our zest, though age is



all must live and move, who shep - herds us at ev - 'ry  
cit - a - dels of wrong; in care for oth - ers taught us  
urg - ing us to rest, but proves to us that we have



stage, through youth, ma - tur - i - ty, and age:  
how God's true com - mun - i - ty must grow:  
still a work to do, a place to fill.

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Drew Dallam's birthday by Danika, Holt, & Hayden.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Larry & Shirley Messinger's 30th wedding anniversary by Larry Messinger.

The bulletins are presented in memory of my brother, Jackson E. Bridgette, Jr. by Suzanne Skennonto.

Thank you to Cora Beyer for providing special music at both services today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Connie Wolfe

8 AM Welcome Team: Steph, Dave, Layla, Cora, & Carter Beyer

8 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Steph, Dave, Layla, Cora, & Carter Beyer

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Joey Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Shiffer

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

<sup>1</sup>The Call to Worship is based on a liturgy written by Rev. Martha Spong, found at <https://marthaspong.com/category/liturgy/>

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<sup>3</sup>The prayer of confession is utilized under the Creative Commons License (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.5/ca/>), and originally written by Rev. Gord Waldie and can be found at <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/2016/11/for-november-27-2016-1st-sunday-of.html>.

<sup>4</sup>*Great is the Lord*. Words and music by Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith. © 1982 Meadowgreen Music Company. CCLI Song # 1149. CCLI License # 3220582.

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<sup>6</sup>The liturgy utilized in the commissioning is adapted from materials found at <http://www.phillyevang.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Home-Participants-Booklet.pdf>.

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# Great Is The Lord

Words and Music by  
Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

♩ = 60 VERSE



Great is the Lord, He is ho - ly and just, by His pow - er we trust in His love. \_\_\_\_\_

5



Great is the Lord, He is faith - ful and true by His mer - cy He proves He is love. \_\_\_\_\_

CHORUS

9



Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise.

13



Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great \_\_\_\_\_ is the

18



Lord! \_\_\_\_\_

# We Shall Overcome

570

United States traditional

John 8:31-32; Rom. 12:21; 2 Cor. 13:11

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -  
2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in  
3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -  
4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;  
hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;  
fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;  
through, our God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day,  
we'll go hand in hand some day.  
we are not a - fraid to - day.  
our God will see us through some day.

5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.

6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

*This anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement was frequently sung at mass meetings and marches. Several sources have been cited as its origins, including the spiritual "No more auction block for me" based on the tune known as Sicilian Mariners; an old Baptist hymn "I'll Be All Right"; and part of the text from C. A. Tindley's gospel hymn "I'll Overcome Someday."*

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.  
United States traditional  
Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981