

# THE STORY: GOD BUILDS A NATION

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALLING ON GOD

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### A PSALM FOR TODAY

Psalm 27

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**C: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

P: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

**C: My adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

P: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

**C: Though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

P: One thing have I asked of the Lord that will I seek after:

**C: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

### OPENING UP TO GOD

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleans us from all unrighteousness.

### *Silence for reflection*

P: Let us confess together, Most merciful God.....

**C: You have promised to provide for all of our needs, and yet we mistrust Your promise. We know the futility of our own ambitions and our inability to do that which we desire. Today we need to recognize the sin within us, and ask that you would forgive us. Lord, in Your mercy, give us daily bread, not only for our bodies, but as food for our spirits. Forgive our sin and cleanse us so that we can be pleasing in Your sight and ministers in Your service.**

P: Our God is a great God, providing for all of our needs, giving us daily bread and supplies for every spiritual need. Our sin no longer controls us. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus, I announce this truth to you—Your sins are forgiven—in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE “Red Book” 225 (Twice)**

I Love You, Lord

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice,  
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King, in what You hear;  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOCUS OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray together.

**C: God, thank you for the older people you have placed in our lives who have been a model of faith for us. You call each of us, at various times, to follow you in ways that are risky and demand faith. We confess we’ve missed opportunities in the past to step out in faith. When you call, help us to sense where you might be leading and to take a bold step of faith and follow you with confidence. We pray for your strength. Amen.**

**Amen**

**VIDEO**

Abraham’s Mural

**EPISTLE READING**

Hebrews 11:8-22

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seem to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

SERMON

"Unqualified Candidates"

APOSTLE'S CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy Christian Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life + everlasting. Amen

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each portion of the prayers, these words are spoken:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

CHOIR Come Find Forgiveness and Love By Don Besig

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

*Note: No recording after this point.*

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**"Green Book" 460** I am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only you;  
Trusting you for full salvation,  
Free and true.

I am trusting you for pardon;  
At your feet I bow,  
For your grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.

I am trusting you for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting you to make me holy  
By your blood.

I am trusting you to guide me;  
You alone shall lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying

All my need.

I am trusting you for power;  
You can never fail.  
Words which you yourself shall give me  
Must prevail.

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting you forever  
And for all.

**“Green Book” 448**                      Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
‘Tis grace has bought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

**PRAYER**

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN “Green Book” 551 vs. 1 and 3 only**

Joyful, Joyful.....

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before thee, Praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.**

**Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!**

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