

## SUNDAY BULLETIN



**“It doesn’t always turn out like this”**

**October 18, 2020**

Welcome/Announcements

What worshipers will need for this service: Candle, Lighter

**PRELUDE**      *“How Great Is Our God/Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*      C. Tomlin, J. Reeves,  
E. Cash; Stralsund Gesangbuch / C. Tornquist / F. Bock

### **LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

R1: Our hearts delight in you, O God,

R2: There is no Holy One besides you

R1: The Lord makes poor and makes rich;

R2: God brings low, and also exalts!

**ALL: Ancient of Days, your wisdom far outweighs our own.**

R2: Lord, your ways evade our reason.

R1: You raise up the poor from the dust;

R2: You lift the needy from the ash heap.

R1: The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.

**ALL: Our hearts exalt in the Lord, our strength is exalted in God!**

R1: You open the womb of the barren,

R2: You lift up what was lowly

**ALL: And bring the dead to life.**

## OPENING PRAYER

**\*PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

*"Everlasting God"*

Soloist: Kurt Thomas

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Angie

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rock of Salvation, as Hannah proclaimed, you give children to the barren and strength to the feeble; you exalt the poor and lift up the needy. Too often we forget your nature, and we build walls that separate; us from you, us from one another, us from the world, and even us from ourselves. We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth. Like Peninnah, our own self-serving behavior, jealousy, and arrogance lead us astray from your love. We confess our fallibility and seek solace you. Teach us to pray and praise without pause, confessing hope ceaselessly. Guide us in our efforts to encourage one another, and to work together for good in the world. We ask humbly in Jesus' name, Amen.

*(Moment of contemplative confession.)*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AT THE FONT**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**      *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Kurt Thomas

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 99

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Samuel 1: 9-11, 19-20, 2: 1-10

**SERMON**

*"It doesn't always turn out like this"*

Rev. Angie

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Hymnal p. 35

**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.**

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #39**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Leader: Waiting for something wonderful can make us impatient, and blind us to all that is before our eyes in this moment.

**People: Great is God's faithfulness! There is no one like the Lord.**

Leader: God hears the distress of God's children when we cry out.

**People: God comforts the suffering and brings joy to the grieved, sending God's healing spirit to those who need it.**

Leader: Sometimes the deepest desires of our hearts are granted, sometimes they are not.

**People:** Always, though, as God did Hannah, God takes note of God's children and remembers us.

Leader: Lord, may it be that the deepest desire of our hearts

**People:** ...are for your service and the good of your people.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SEVEN-FOLD AMEN**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

C.C. Converse/D. Wyrzten

---

**Participants in worship:**

*Rev. Angie Mabry, Interim Pastor*  
Kurt Thomas – Liturgist / Soloist  
Richard Klein, David Buyze – A/V

Marcy Lasseter – Organist / Pianist  
Richard Klein, Sherri Godsey – Editing

