



Order of Worship

April 26, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:28-29, 31

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

All: *They 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.*

SONG OF PRAISE

Taste and See

SONG OF EXPECTATION

Holy Spirit

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

All: *Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you destroyed the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by our own selfishness and sin. We waste your gifts, wander from your ways, and forget your love. We overlook our neighbor, and are constantly focused on ourselves. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of the fullness of life given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.*

Take a moment to confess your sins, knowing that he hears you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PRAYER

SONG OF SURRENDER

Confident

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-7

MESSAGE

Stand on The Promise

SONG OF PRAISE

Is He Worthy?

SONG OF PRAISE

Forevermore

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

Leader: The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.



Sermon Notes: Stand on The Promise

1. A thrilling start.

2. A tumultuous middle.

a. _____.

b. _____.

c. _____.

- All come from the root/heart of _____.

3. A trusting finish.

a. _____ the promises of God.

b. _____ the promises of God.

c. _____ the promises of God.

d. _____ the promises of God.



Gospel Applications: Stand on The Promise

1. What are some routine types/sources of waiting you encounter in everyday life?
2. What are some things you're waiting on/for right now?
3. Do you consider yourself a patient or impatient person? Why?
4. List some promises from the Bible that God has made to you ["you" meaning you are included in the groups of people those promises were first made to]:
 - What are a couple of your favorite promises? Why?
 - Which promise do you find it hardest to believe? Why?
5. Abram reacted with fear, manipulation, and cynicism when he doubted God's promises. Where do you see these reactions in your life? How else do you react when it doesn't seem like God's going to keep his promises quickly enough to help you? [Include thoughts, emotions/feelings, words, actions, etc.]
6. Review your answers to #5. How do these reveal a lack of trust in God?
7. In your own words, what does it mean to "stand on" God's promises? What are some practical ways to do that in everyday life?
8. Chose one favorite and one hard-to-believe promise from #4. If he see how each promise ultimately points to Jesus, how does that change your thinking?
9. Refer to the skyscraper illustration.
 - What, functionally is your **foundation**? [What are your hopes/dreams built on? What do you ultimately rely upon for safety and stability?]
 - What is your **core**? [What keeps your life from being shattered by every trial that comes along?]
 - What is your **counterweight** [What keeps pulling you back to center when life begins to bend under the strain of trials or waiting?]
10. What one thing will you do with this message this week?