

The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies  
A Service of Healing and Communion  
June 14, 2016  
Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL

Service Notes:

^ = stand as you are able

Eagle Staff in the Way of Jesus –

The cross we carry tonight is an Eagle Staff in the Way of Jesus. It signifies that we follow Christ into the presence of the Father by the Holy Spirit. The staff, wrapped in red leather, reminds us that we are made from the earth created by God. Thirteen attached eagle feathers represent the thirteen moons of a year, signifying that all time belongs to, and is centered in, the story of Jesus.

The Grass Dance –

The Grass Dance was traditionally performed by young Natives chosen to prepare a space for worship. They would tramp down the grass and pray as they danced. In our service God calls us into anamnesis, a re-remembering of the story of Jesus. We prepare our hearts, asking God to transform us as we enter into His Divine drama.

Incensing with Cedar –

Among many First Nations tribes, cedar is considered a sacred medicine used for healing and prayer. Much like oil symbolizes anointing and healing in the Middle East, so cedar smoke symbolizes the same on Turtle Island, North America. Come as you wish for incense anointing during the healing prayers.

**THE GATHERING**

**Organ Prelude**

**^ Processional Hymn**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

**418 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er fail - ing;  
2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los - ing,  
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat-en to un - do us,  
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

our help - er He, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing.  
we will not fear, for God has willed His truth to tri - umph through us.  
the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sid - eth.

For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sab - ba - oth, His  
The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we can en -  
Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor-tal life al - so; the bod - y they may

great, and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
name, from age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.  
dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.

WORDS: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 (Ps. 46)  
MUSIC: Martin Luther, ca. 1529

EIN' FESTE BURG  
8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7

**^ Invitation to Worship**

**^ Call to Worship**

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made His home on earth.

**All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Leader: Highest of all creation, He lives among the least.

**All: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

**All: and drink the water of life.**

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

**All: and be filled with good things.**

Leader: Come now, all who seek,

**All: and be warmed by the fire of love.**

**^ Prayer of Invocation**

Leader: O God, the author and foundation of hope, enable us to rely with confident expectation on Your promises, knowing that the trials and hindrances of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed. O God, who created us in love.

**All: Create us anew in love as we worship You.**

Leader: O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,

**All: Reclaim our hearts as we worship You.**

Leader: O Holy Spirit, who moves this world towards its God-appointed end,

**All: Move within us as we worship You. Amen.**

**^ Songs of Praise**

*We Remember*

*Break Every Chain*

**Confession/Absolution**

James 5:13-16

Leader: Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. In a moment of silence, let us confess our sins before God.

**[Silence]**

Leader: May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

**^ Passing of the Peace**

**THE WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination**

*Speak, Oh Lord* (choral setting)

**Scriptures**

Jeremiah 1:1-10

Psalm 116 (sung)

*Sing the refrain as directed by the leader*

D            E/D            A/C#    A            D

I love the Lord; he heard my cry and pit-tied

6            Gmaj7    G6    F#m7    A7/E    D            G            G9/F    E            E/G#

ev - ery groan. Long as I live and trou - bles

A    A/G    F#    Bm    Em    D/F#    Em/G    A sus    A            D

rise, I'll has - ten to his throne.

Mark 8:22-26

**Sermon**

“Healing for the Battle”

Mark 8:27-38

Pastor Stephen Hasper

**Response/Offering**

The offering tonight will be donated to the People's Church of God Missions~Haiti. Their vision is to be a Mission demonstrating the love of the Lord Jesus Christ to brothers and sisters among God's people in various areas of the non-western world. In partnership with indigenous church leaders, the Mission's goal is to help specifically in the educational development of children and to help improve the social quality and community aspects of life through significant social action. The Mission has been serving in L'Artibonite, Haïti since 2003.

More information about PCGM~Haiti can be found at [www.pcgmissionshaiti.org](http://www.pcgmissionshaiti.org). Thank you for your generous gift.

*Take My Life*

## THE TABLE

### The Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus (sung)  
Commemoration  
Acclamation (sung)

#### ^ Distribution and Healing Prayer

*The Bread of Life for All Is Broken*  
*Man of Sorrows*  
*Jesus Messiah*  
*O Church Arise*

#### ^ Prayer of Thanks

Leader: O Lord, our God, we give you thanks for uniting us by baptism in the body of Christ and for filling us with joy in the Eucharist. Lead us toward the full visible unity of Your Church, and help us to treasure all the signs of reconciliation You have granted us. Now that we have tasted the banquet You have prepared for us in the world to come, may we all one day share together the inheritance of the saints in the life of the heavenly city.

**All: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

*How Firm a Foundation*

PROCLAMATION

## How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose

is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He has said,  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design,  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

WORDS: John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787 (2 Tim. 2:19; Isa. 43:1-2)  
MUSIC: Joseph Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

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## Benediction

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

#### ^ Charge

#### ^ Postlude