

## The Service for the Lord's Day

June Sermon Series

# Finding God in the Flames

Campfire Stories  
from the Bible



**June 19, 2022**

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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*Please silence all devices*

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

*For young children, the Playground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.*

### **I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

#### **PRELUDE**

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

*J.S. Bach*  
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#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

One: We worship just one God;

**All: the God who flung the stars into the sky and crafted our inmost being.**

One: We worship just one God,

**All: who rescues us from danger, and deserves our every praise.**

One: We worship just one God,

**All: Creator, Christ, and fiery Spirit, now and forevermore!!**

#### **\*HYMN (pg. opposite➔) “Our Help Is in the Name of God”**

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#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

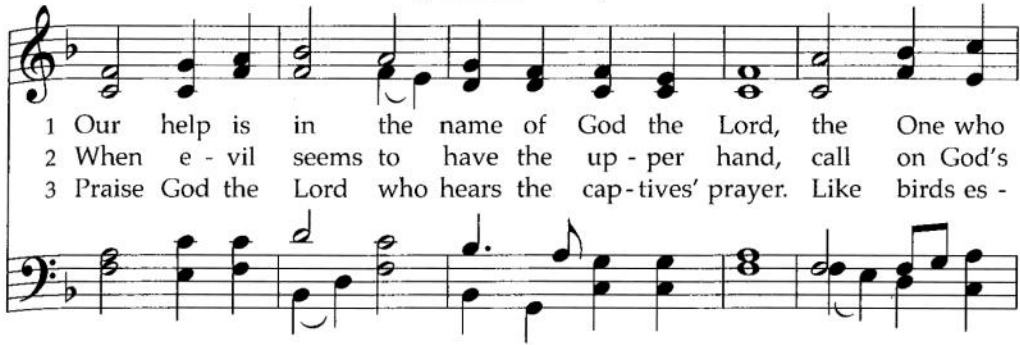
One: God asks that we have no other gods. But we do have other idols that claim our adoration, our time, and our energy, often more than we know they should. So we trust God to help us, once again, align our hearts and minds with our faith. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

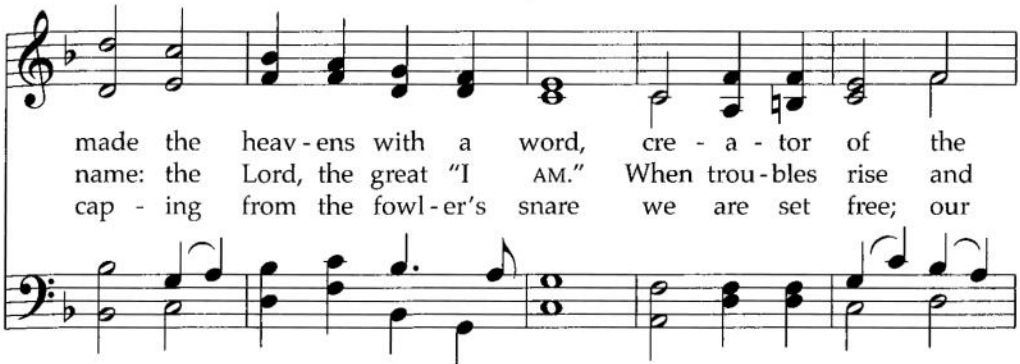
**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

# Our Help Is in the Name of God

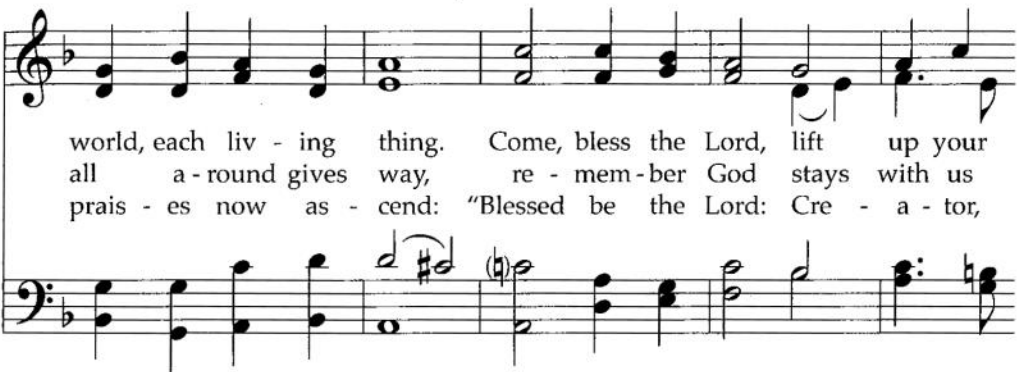
(Psalm 124)



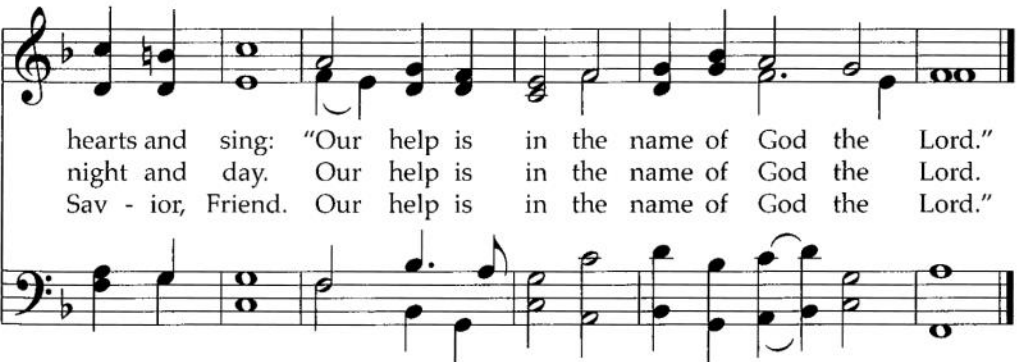
1 Our help is in the name of God the Lord, the One who  
2 When e - vil seems to have the up - per hand, call on God's  
3 Praise God the Lord who hears the cap-tives' prayer. Like birds es -



made the heav - ens with a word, cre - a - tor of the  
name: the Lord, the great "I AM." When trou - bles rise and  
cap - ing from the fowl - er's snare we are set free; our



world, each liv - ing thing. Come, bless the Lord, lift up your  
all a - round gives way, re - mem - ber God stays with us  
prais - es now as - cend: "Blessed be the Lord: Cre - a - tor,



hearts and sing: "Our help is in the name of God the Lord."  
night and day. Our help is in the name of God the Lord.  
Sav - ior, Friend. Our help is in the name of God the Lord."

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Holy God, we confess to faith that wavers in its dedication. We try to be your followers, yet we get distracted and our courage fails. We do not always do what we commit to doing. We do not always love who we commit to loving. We do not always stand up for you when push comes to shove. Restore in us the steady flame of faith so that, day in and day out, we do not falter. Strengthen us, Lord, that in ways small and large, we might stand for you and your decrees of justice, truth, and love.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: In your holy name, we pray.

**All: Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, because Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death have been swallowed up. This is the good news upon which we stand: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Hymn #734*

***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.***

## **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: As forgiven people, let's share signs of reconciliation. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Share a sign of peace and reconciliation with your neighbors, such as a hand over your heart.*

**(10:30)**

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

## **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Stephen Ministry

*Gretchen Hirsh*

## II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All:** Through fire and flame, you have made yourself known to your people. Let your love burn brightly, once again, as we hear your word today. Let your sense of justice set us on fire to serve. Let your very presence warm our souls. We pray by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### PSALM

“Psalm 89”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Austrian Hymn*, #598 “Glorious Things to Thee are Spoken”

***“God who swore great things to Judah, her defense and strength and stay,  
Makes with equal faith the promise to abide with us today.  
Loving-kindness shall embrace us, truth attend us all our days;  
If we give to God all honor, we shall live to sing God’s praise!”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 89 ©1999 Michael Morgan, Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daniel 3:13-28

*Pew Bible, OT pg. 916*

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

“Courageous Faith”

*Rev. Emma Nickel*

## III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

9:00

“Offering”

*Noel Goemanne*

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10:30

“The Lord Is My Light”

*Frances Allitsen*

~Audrey Frieberg

*“The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom, then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom, the, shall I be afraid? Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him. For, in the time of trouble, he shall hide me in His tabernacle. Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone. The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom, then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom, then, shall I be afraid?”*

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## \*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #34

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Apostles' Creed

**All: 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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 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.**

## IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN #501

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**HYMN #557, v. 1**

“Pass it On”

***It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;  
that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:  
you spread God's love to every one, you want to pass it on.***

*Text and Music: Kurt Kaiser ©1969 Bud John Songs (admin. EMI Christian Music Publishers)*

**(10:30)**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Grand Chorus in D Major”**

*Alexandré Guilmant  
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*\*Indicates please stand as you are able.*

1 Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession by Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett.

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*Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.*

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Sandra Olah in honor of her children and grandchildren.

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Our new Pentecost banner was made by Ginny O'Brien from a design found in a collection called "Raise the Banners High!" by Pamela Hardiman and Josephine Niemann. The authors write about the design they call Pentecost Fire: *The Spirit of God is manifested in many ways. In scripture, the Spirit is depicted as, among other things, a dove, tongues of fire, a gently whispering wind, and a mighty wind. Those who experience the Spirit change; they are moved to do amazing things. For this reason, symbols of the Spirit must be forceful and dynamic. In Pentecost Fire, the flames of the Spirit are bold, filled with color and life. Not bound or contained by a tight border, the curved lines of this design move beyond the inner border to the outer frame.*

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### **Cereal for Summer!**

During the **month of June**, as part of our mission to be a Matthew 25 Church, FPCRO is supporting the Seventh Annual Cereal for Summer Campaign of the Presbytery of Detroit to help feed hungry children in the presbytery. Donations are due by next Sunday, June 26.

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### **Send Us the Names of Two of Your Favorite Hymns!**

In August, our worship series will focus on our congregation's favorite hymns and the scriptures that inform them. To determine which hymns we'll focus on, please email Pastor Emma ([enickel@fpcro.org](mailto:enickel@fpcro.org)) the titles of two of your favorites no later than **June 25**. Program staff will use your choices to guide our selections for the series. We can't wait to hear your thoughts!

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### **Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness**

We are excited for our upcoming Compassion Camp on Sundays, **July 10 through August 28**. Children will begin in worship and then move to our "Campsite" for the hour.

### **Volunteers Needed for "Compassion Camp"**

We are looking for volunteers to help guide our little ones through the activities. Whether you can help every Sunday or just specific dates, we would love to have you. Please contact Joelle Jarrait to sign up to help.

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### **Operation Paperback**

We continue to seek paperback books in good condition. There is a need for adventure, mystery, and non-fiction appropriate for our armed service personnel overseas and stateside. (Please, no romance or risqué titles.) Books may be dropped off in the Steen Library at church. Questions? Contact Adair Calder, 248-835-0070.