

ROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP



Pastor Sam Alexander

JANUARY 21, 2024

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
9:30 AM IN-PERSON AND ONLINE SERVICE – ZOOM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jack Batson

INTROIT

*(Please remain quiet for
other worshippers.)*

“God Sends Us Forth”

Tony Alonso Arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 62:5-12

Leader: Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

People: Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I will not be shaken.

Leader: My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

People: Trust in him at all times, you people, pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Leader: Surely the lowborn are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie.

People: If weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath.

Leader: Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods' though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

**All: One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard:
“Power belongs to you, God, and with you, Lord, is unfailing love”;
and, “You reward everyone according to what they have done.”**

OPENING HYMN

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Verses 1-3

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Sam Alexander

All: Merciful and Holy God, We bow before You in heartfelt confession, acknowledging that we are a broken people, living in a broken world. We need look no further than the pages of our newspapers to realize that this world is dark with the stain of sin. Your design for creation has been corrupted by the abuse of power, the appetite for lust, and the enslavement of our wills. There are moments we have the strength to stand against this corruption but too often we allow evil to go unchallenged and are passive and indifferent to Your call to engage the world with the Gospel. Forgive us we pray and redeem your world, making us a witness to your loving care. *(Silent for Prayer of Confession)*

Pastor: In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ

All: Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

DOXOLOGY

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: I Kings 13: 1-13

Pastor John Bechtel

By the word of the Lord a man of God came from Judah to Bethel, as Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make an offering. By the word of the Lord he cried out against the altar: "Altar, altar! This is what the Lord says: 'A son named Josiah will be born to the house of David. On you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who make offerings here, and human bones will be burned on you.'" That same day the man of God gave a sign: "This is the sign the Lord has declared: The altar will be split apart and the ashes on it will be poured out." When King Jeroboam heard what the man of God cried out against the altar at Bethel, he stretched out his hand from the altar and said, "Seize him!" But the hand he stretched out toward the man shriveled up, so that he could not pull it back. Also, the altar was split apart and its ashes poured out according to the sign given by the man of God by the word of the Lord. Then the king said to the man of God, "Intercede with the Lord your God and pray for me that my hand may be restored." So the man of God interceded with the Lord, and the king's hand was restored and became as it was before. The king said to the man of God, "Come home with me for a meal, and I will give you a gift." But the man of God answered the king, "Even if you were to give me half your possessions, I would not go with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water here. For I was commanded by the word of the Lord: 'You must not eat bread or drink water or return by the way you came.'" So he took another road and did not return by the way he had come to Bethel. Now there was a certain old prophet living in Bethel, whose sons came and told him all that the man of God had done there that day. They also told their father what he had said to the king. Their father asked them, "Which way did he go?" And his sons showed him which road the man of God from Judah had taken. So he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." And when they had saddled the donkey for him, he mounted it

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: I Kings 3: 3-15

SERMON

Solomon Sought Wisdom

Pastor Sam Alexander.

SERMON REFLECTION

"Not For Tongues of Heavens Angels"

(Please remain quiet for other worshippers.)

Michael Joncas Arr. Mark Hayes

MUSICAL OFFERING

(Please remain quiet for other worshippers.)

“Oh Lord, You’re Beautiful”

Keith Green

RECEIVING THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(Please remain quiet for other worshippers.)*

“At Evening”

Davis Haas Arr. Mark Hayes

DEDICATION OF OFFERING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Verses 1-4

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please remain quiet for other worshippers.)*

“The Solid Rock/My Hope is Built”


William B Bradbury Arr. Marianne Kim

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Thrupp's Hymns for the Young, 1836

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859



1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
 2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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Alternate tune: SICILIAN MARINERS, 538

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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FESTAL SONG SM

Ruth Duck, 1974

William H. Walter, 1894

1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!

The first system of the song features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the staff.

Show forth the glo - ry of your God, Which shines on you to - day.
Pro - claim the cap-tives' lib - er - ty, Good ti - dings to the poor.
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones And com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

The second system continues the melody from the first system, with the same treble and bass staff notation and 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the staff.

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Announcements January 21, 2024

Worship Team	Dave Gaut- Musical Offering
Birthday Blessings	1/25- Steve Rollins 1/28- Marlene Dessel
Centering Prayer Group	Centering Prayer Group every Friday at 11am in Pastor Sam's office.
Prayer Requests	Do you, a loved one, or a friend need prayer? Prayers are provided weekly to over 100+ people- please tell us what you would like to have put in your prayer. Prayer requests will be discreet. If you are not receiving the weekly prayers but would like to be included in the prayer chain, please let Pam know. Contact Pam Nelson, (707) 863-9111 pamnelson2412@gmail.com
Donations	The Salvation Army is in need of adult clothes, shoes & socks, small & large containers of shampoo, disposable razors, meat cans & pouches
Shop with Scrip	Purchase from our existing inventory or by special order! Scrip is available every Sunday after service at the RPF office door
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