



February 15, 2023

***Invitation to Praise**

The Praise Team

Lord Help Me to Hold Out

CHORUS:

Lord help me to hold out
Lord help me to hold out
Lord help me to hold out until my change comes.

VERSE:

My way may not be easy;
you did not say that it would be
But when it gets dark, and I can't find my way,
You told me to put my trust in you
that's why I'm asking You

CHORUS

I Know I've Been Changed

CHORUS:

I know I've been changed
I know I've been changed, good Lord
I know I've been changed
The angels in Heaven done signed my name

Marvelous Things

HIGH: God has done marvelous, God has done marvelous things, praise the Lord!

MID: Marvelous, marvelous, marvelous, marvelous things, praise the Lord!

LOW: God has done marvelous things, praise the Lord!

***Call to Worship¹**

Rev. Charlene Wingate

One: My Lord, what a morning!
You have raised up a mighty nation
and a mighty people.

All: And we are strong, proud, and yours.

One: My Lord, what a morning!
You have brought us through the dips
and hollows, up and down the streets,
over the hills and mountains and
through the valleys.

**All: And we are strong, proud, brave and yours.
My Lord, this morning, we have come to celebrate
you, to affirm ourselves
as images of you in all your glory and
to say "Yes, Lord, we are strong,
proud, brave, and yours in every way."
We count it all joy! Let us worship.**

***Opening Prayer**

***Welcome One Another**

Life of the Community

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

Call for the Offering

Offertory Hymn

What Shall I Render

What shall I render unto God for all these blessings?
What shall I render, what shall I give?
God has everything, everything belongs to God
God has everything, everything belongs to God.
What shall I render, what shall I give?

All I can render is my body and soul,
All I can render, that is all I can give.
God has everything, everything belongs to God
God has everything, everything belongs to God.
What shall I render, what shall I give?

¹Discipleship Ministries

Gospel Scripture Lesson
Matthew 16:21-17:8

Janette Kemp

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

17 ¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God

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Sermonic Selection

Dionne McClain-Freeney

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Colleen Birchett

A Change is Gonna Come

Holy Communion

Rev. Wingate

Great Prayer Of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Birchett

***Closing Song**

I Feel Like Goin' On

Today's Musical Leaders:

Dionne McClain-Freeney

***Please stand as you are able**

