

welcome

We are so glad you're here with us today. Our desire is for you to experience both rest and worship throughout this Sunday morning. If you'd like to learn more about how to get connected at Ward follow these simple steps...

next steps

GATHER for worship | We come together each week with our full passion, intensity, and creativity. In worship, we respond with all that we are to all that we know God to be. We sing, we listen, we learn, and we grow. And it inspires us to live a life of worship - giving God His place in all things at all times. Our hope is that people will leave our services knowing they have encountered the true and living God.

CONNECT with others | Life change happens best in the context of relationships. In a circle of friends, with the Word open, and hearts surrendered, we get to spur one another on to love and good deeds. We serve each other and our world. Joining a group or a serve team is a significant step toward experiencing biblical community and purpose.

INVITE into the mission | God's mission in this world is too big for us alone. We invite our friends and neighbors to participate in God's work to redeem and renew all things. We share the love of Jesus and invite people into the life that God designed us for.

new guests

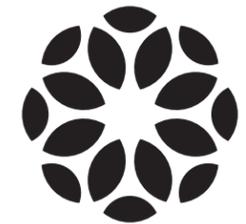
Thank you again for deciding to worship with us today!

You can learn more about our upcoming events in the Ward monthly insert or visit our main info desk in our Hub near Entry 1.

We would love for you to fill out the communication card to help us know how to best connect with you.

Also, don't forget to pick up your free first-time guest coffee card at the welcome desk good for complimentary drinks at ReNu. Finally, if there's any way we can serve you, please don't hesitate to talk with one of our pastors, volunteers, staff, or e-mail us at info@wardchurch.org.

notes



classic worship

April 23, 2017
9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.



Prelude

O Come Little Children | Madeline Vargo

Gathering of God’s People

*Call to Worship | from Psalm 40

Rev. Doug Thompson

Leader:

I waited patiently for the Lord
He turned to me and heard my cry
He lifted me out of the slimy pit
out of the mud and mire
He set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.

People:

**He put a new song in my mouth
a hymn of praise to our God
Many will see and fear the Lord
and put their trust in Him**

Leader:

Many, Lord
are the wonders You have done
and the things You planned for us
None can compare with You

People:

**Were we to tell of Your deeds
they would be too many to declare
None can compare with You, O Lord**

*Hymn #210 | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Prayer of Adoration

Welcome & Announcements

Celebrating God’s Presence

*Hymn | By Faith [11 a.m.]

John Beresford, lead vocal

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove
His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise
in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him
our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains
of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

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and Stuart Townend

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture [NIV]

2 Samuel 24:18-25

¹⁸ On that day Gad went to David and said to him, “Go up and build an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.” ¹⁹ So David went up, as the Lord had commanded through Gad. ²⁰ When Araunah looked and saw the king and his officials coming toward him, he went out and bowed down before the king with his face to the ground.

²¹ Araunah said, “Why has my lord the king come to his servant?”

“To buy your threshing floor,” David answered, “so I can build an altar to the Lord, that the plague on the people may be stopped.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

Matthew 6:21

²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Sermon

Living Generously | First: Stinky Sheep vs. Good Sheep

Rev. Dr. Scott McKee, Senior Pastor

Responding to God’s Word

Offering Introduction | Prayer

*Hymn #815 | Doxology

Offertory | Take My Life and Let It Be

Gracie McKee, soloist. The Ward Chancel Choir at 11 a.m.

Take my life and let it be,
consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take my hands and let them move,
at the impulse of Thy love
At the impulse of Thy love

Take my feet and let them be,
swift and beautiful for Thee
Take my voice and let me sing,
always, only, for my King
Always, only, for my King

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold,
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my will and make it Thine,
it shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own,
it shall be Thy royal throne
It shall be Thy royal throne

CCLI #1390 | Frances Ridley Havergal
and Henry Abraham Cesar Malan

Communion [8 a.m.]

Rev. Dr. Scott McKee, Rev. Doug Thompson and Elders Malcolm Bain and David Wood

Every Daughter Deserves to Dream | Jeevaline Kumar

Rev. Soon Pak

*Hymn | O Church Arise (Arise Shine)

O church, arise, and put your armor on
Hear the call of Christ our captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold, whose battle cry is love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes
the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize
for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Arise, shine for your light has come
Arise, shine for the Risen Son
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride
Arise, O church arise

Come, see the cross,
where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old, still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory

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Sending God’s People

Closing Messages and Benediction

**Congregation members stand, as they are able*