

CLASSIC SERVICE

First Evangelical Church

May 28, 2017, 8:45 a.m.

Mercy and Grace in Time of Need

(Hebrews 4:16)



SCRIPTURAL INVITATION

Psalm 130:1-2, 5, 7

SONGS OF TRUST

(instrumental)

(choir)

If you will trust in God to guide you
And place your confidence in Him,
You'll find Him always there beside you,
To give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love
Build on the Rock that will not move.

(all, standing)

**Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment;
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best—
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.**

(please be seated)

WELCOME

Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

GOD AT WORK

Nassar Kajou, *Operation Broken Silence* (S. Sudan)

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering

- Those who died defending our country
- Victims of the Holocaust and of other wars
- Persecuted and martyred Christians in South Sudan and around the world

CHORAL MEDITATION

Psalm 121

(choir)

I to the hills will lift mine eyes—
From whence doth come mine aid?
My safety cometh from the Lord, who heaven and earth hath made.

Thy foot He'll not let slide, nor will He slumber that thee keeps;
Behold, He that keeps Israel, He slumbers not, nor sleeps. Amen!

HYMN OF TRUST

(all, standing)

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guide while life shall last, and our eternal Home.**

(please be seated)

TESTIMONIES OF THE ASCENSION

Jesus foresaw	John 17:5
Luke reported	Acts 1:9
Peter preached	Acts 2:32-33
Stephen saw	Acts 7:55-56
Paul expounded	Ephesians 1:20; Philippians 2:9-11
Writer of Hebrews declared	Hebrews 10:12
John witnessed	Revelation 5:6

PROFOUND IMPLICATIONS OF THE ASCENSION

(all, standing)

Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 2:6; Col. 3:1-2; Heb. 4:14-16

Leader: Jesus guarantees our eternal salvation.

People: **Consequently, He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.**

Leader: He prays for us.

People: **Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.**

Leader: We are raised with Him.

People: **God raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: We are to live for Him.

People: **If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.**

Leader: We can boldly seek His help.

People: **Since then we have a Great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

SONGS OF ASCENSION

(all)

**Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!
To His throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heav'n, Alleluia!**

**Look, ye saints! The sight is glorious: see the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious, every knee to Him shall bow:
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crowns become the Victor's brow.**

**Crown the Savior! Angels crown Him! Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
In the seat of power enthrone Him, While the vault of heaven rings:
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown the Savior King of kings.**

(interlude)

(all)

**Hark, those bursts of acclamation!
Hark, those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station,
O, what joy the sight affords:
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
King of kings, and Lord of lords!**

(please be seated)

SERMON

Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

*He Made the Stars Also:
The Story of the Gospel in Seven Wonders*

“A Lot to Swallow”

John 6:1-15, 22-71

BENEDICTION

ON THE PLATFORM THIS MORNING

In an effort to make our leaders better known to the congregation, these leaders are sitting on the platform this morning. Those marked with * will be available following the service to greet you and to give you spiritual assistance.

From left to right:

*Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

Ron Man, Pastor of Worship/Missionary in Residence

Worship Leaders: *The Worship Choir*, Trent England, organ; Jamie Scholik, piano; Dan Gilbert, violin; Lori Gilbert, violin; Audrey Fuhrman, violin; Beth Luscombe, viola; Chris Langston, cello; Betsy Man, bass

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