

Cross Roads UMC Worship Guide
June 26, 2022 @ 10 AM
3rd Sunday After Pentecost | Children Led
Sunday

Gathering Music: *Days of Elijah*

Welcome & Announcements

A Song of Praise: *Everlasting God*

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
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Pre-Chorus: Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliverer

Chorus: You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Repeat Whole Song

Repeat Pre-Chorus

Repeat Chorus 2 times

Call to Worship:

Throughout the ages, disciples have said,
"I will follow you wherever you go."
Lord, give us the freedom to follow you
in the ways of love.

**We come from busy homes, filled with little time
to consider Christ in our lives.**

Lord, give us the strength to follow you
in the ways of peace.

In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you
in the ways of kindness.

**Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit,
who shows us the joy of following God.**

Lord, give us the patience to follow you
in the ways of faith. Amen.

Opening Prayer:

Holy One, we come before you today: full of hope,
full of desire, full of promise. Help us take up the
mantle of faith you have laid before us,
that we may use our own gifts of the Spirit to face
the challenges before us. Help us face the turmoil
within and around us, that we may face the future
unafraid. Show us your way, your truth,
and your life. Amen.

A Time for Children with Diane Varnum

This, this is where children belong.
Welcomed as part of our worship and song.
Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.
This is where children belong.

**Special Music: *If With All Your Heart* from the
Elijah Oratorio played by Carl Dayhoff**

Prayers of the People

A Time of Giving

Doxology

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

A Song of Preparation

***Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*, UMH #703**

Refrain: Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home;
swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,
coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me,
coming for to carry me home. [Refrain]

If you get there before I do,
coming for to carry me home;
tell all my friends I'm coming too,
coming for to carry me home. [Refrain]

I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down,
coming for to carry me home;
but still my soul feels heavenly bound,
coming for to carry me home. [Refrain]

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The brightest day that I can say,
coming for to carry me home;
when Jesus washed my sins away,
coming for to carry me home. [Refrain]

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 [NRSV]

2 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. **2** Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

6 Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. **7** Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. **8** Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground. **9** When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” **10** He responded, “You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” **11** As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. **12** Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. **13** He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. **14** He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah? Where is he?” He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Message: PASSING THE MANTLE
by Pastor Dustin McCune

A Song of Invitation

***O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, UMH #117**

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.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

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.

The Blessing with The Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you
make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. Amen.

Postlude