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children's ministries

Sunday, April 12, 2026

## Dear parents of young worshipers,

Welcome! We are delighted to have you and your children worshipping with us this morning. Our goal each Sunday is to glorify and enjoy the God Who made us and saved us by His grace.

This bulletin was designed to help your children follow along with this morning's worship service. Here are some ideas to guide you:

- \* Have children use the **stickers** provided as they follow along with this morning's liturgy. We've included some **brief definitions** for various parts of the liturgy to help you as you guide your child through the worship service.
- \* Encourage your children to **color (or draw)** the main points of this morning's sermon as you listen together.
- \* Help your children as they listen for the answer to the **question for young worshipers** during the sermon.
- \* Check out the back of the bulletin for suggestions on **preparing for next week's worship service!** (Practicing can be especially helpful for young worshipers who cannot yet read!)

If you have any questions about our church, please do not hesitate to ask.

**In Christ,  
Pastor Wiersema**

# MORNING WORSHIP

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## Prelude

**Think about why we are here. Get ready to worship!**



## Call to Worship: from Psalm 18

**God calls us to worship Him from His Word**

PASTOR: *The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.*

PEOPLE: My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

PASTOR: *I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.*

PEOPLE: In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
to my God I cried for help.  
From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.

PASTOR: *He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him,  
thick clouds dark with water.  
Out of the brightness before him  
hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds.*

PEOPLE: The LORD also thundered in the heavens,  
and the Most High uttered his voice.  
He sent from on high, he took me;  
he drew me out of many waters.

ALL: **For this I will praise you, O LORD,  
among the nations, and sing to your name.**



# Hymn of Adoration:

## How Great Thou Art #44

We respond to God's call to worship in praise and love!



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der  
 2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,  
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,  
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,  
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,  
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,



thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

### REFRAIN



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee: how great thou art,



how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to



thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!



## **Invocation**

**We ask God to be present with us as we worship Him.**



## **Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

**We declare what we believe about God –  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**



# Doxology

**We praise God and call others to praise Him!**

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures  
 here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.  
Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter 1551



# Corporate Confession of Sin: from Psalm 18 and Joshua 10

**We confess our sins together as God's people.**

*PASTOR: O Lord, with the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.*

**ALL: For you save a humble people,  
 but the haughty eyes you bring down.  
 O Lord, we confess that we have sinned against you.  
 We have gone against your authority  
 and have even encouraged others to do the same.  
 We have feared man instead of following you.  
 We are quick to be afraid and dismayed.  
 We look to our own strength  
 rather than to you, the God of miracles.  
 Have mercy on us, O Lord.**



## **Silent confession**

**Confess your own sins quietly to God.**



## **Assurance of Pardon:** from 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 3

**God promises to forgive all those who trust in Jesus!**

*PASTOR: People of God, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.*

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.**



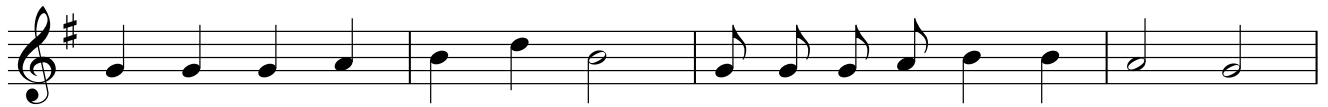
# Hymn of Assurance

## Nothing but the Blood # 307

We sing that we are forgiven and held secure by God.



- ▶ 1. What can wash a - way my sin? noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
- ▶ 2. For my cleans-ing this I see— noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
- ▶ 3. Noth-ing can for sin a - tone— noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
- ▶ 4. This is all my hope and peace— noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
- ▶ 5. Now by this I'll o - ver-come— noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;



- ▶ what can make me whole a - gain? noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
- ▶ for my par - don this my plea— noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
- ▶ naught of good that I have done— noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
- ▶ this is all my righ-teous-ness— noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
- ▶ now by this I'll reach my home— noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.



O pre-cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;



no oth - er fount I know, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Robert Lowry, 1876

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Robert Lowry, 1876



# Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 20:1-11

We hear God's word being read and thank him for it.

PASTOR: *This is the word of the Lord.*

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**



## **Baptism (11:00)**

**We see a sign of God's loving adoption and the washing away of sin.**



## **Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer**

**The pastor prays for God's Church, locally and globally, then we pray the prayer Jesus taught His disciples.**

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever. Amen**



## Offertory: Jesus Is

**We give back to God a portion of what He has given us.**



ENSEMBLE:

I may be troubled and full of cares but I'm not broken  
beyond repair. When I am worried I cling to this,  
I am no savior but Jesus is.

I may be walking the road of pain but He will guide me  
along the way. So I'll keep singing 'cause even if,  
I am no shepherd, Jesus is.

Jesus is, Jesus is, when no one helped me Jesus did. So I'll  
keep singing 'cause even if, I am no shepherd, Jesus is.

I may be lonely without a friend but I will carry my  
heart to Him. He knows my sorrow my grief is His,  
I am no healer but Jesus is.

Jesus is, Jesus is, when no one heard me, my Jesus did.  
He knows my sorrow my grief is His,  
I am no healer but Jesus is.

My eyes are weary the night is long, I'll wait for Jesus until  
He comes. To reign forever world without end,  
I'm not so patient but Jesus is.

Jesus is, Jesus is, so I'll keep waiting like Jesus did. He'll reign forever  
world without end, I'm not so patient but Jesus is.  
I am no savior but Jesus is.

### **Children's Worship (8:30 service only)**



*Parents, please bring participating **children ages 4-1st grade** to meet their Worship leader in the Narthex during the following hymn. Children can be picked up downstairs in Room 13. They are also invited stay with us during the remainder of the service!*



# Hymn of Preparation:

## Our God Will Go Before Us

We praise God as we prepare to listen to His Word.



1. Our God will go be - fore us and guide us by His  
 2. Through un-known paths, through shad - ows our hearts fear not to -  
 3. Though e - vil forms a - gainst us all heav - en will de -  
 4. Now send us with Your pres - ence and lead us on to



pres - ence. What con - fi - dence this prom - ise is: we will  
 mor - row, for ev - 'ry step His faith - ful - ness is the  
 fend us. The gates of hell shall not pre - vail, for the  
 heav - en where songs of sor - row strain no more, and our



nev - er walk a - lone. sing verse 2  
 truth that lights our way. Our  
 bat - tle is the Lord's.  
 ev - 'ry breath is praise.

### CHORUS



God will go be - fore us. The Lord of Hosts is with us. O



praise the One who leads us on for His grace will bring us home. Repeat Chorus last time



# **Sermon: Joshua 10:1-27**

## **The Lord Fights for His People (Pastor Noah)**

**We listen to God's Word preached to us.**

<sup>1</sup> As soon as Adoni-zedek, king of Jerusalem, heard how Joshua had captured Ai and had devoted it to destruction, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, <sup>2</sup> he feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were warriors. <sup>3</sup> So Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, to Piram king of Jarmuth, to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying, <sup>4</sup> “Come up to me and help me, and let us strike Gibeon. For it has made peace with Joshua and with the people of Israel.” <sup>5</sup> Then the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered their forces and went up with all their armies and encamped against Gibeon and made war against it.

<sup>6</sup> And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp in Gilgal, saying, “Do not relax your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the hill country are gathered against us.” <sup>7</sup> So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Joshua, “Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands. Not a man of them shall stand before you.” <sup>9</sup> So Joshua came upon them suddenly, having marched up all night from Gilgal. <sup>10</sup> And the LORD threw them into a panic before Israel, who struck them with a great blow at Gibeon and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah. <sup>11</sup> And as they fled before Israel, while they were going down the ascent of Beth-horon, the LORD threw down large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died because of the hailstones than the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

<sup>12</sup> At that time Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the Lord gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel,

“Sun, stand still at Gibeon,  
and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.”

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped,  
until the nation took vengeance on their enemies.

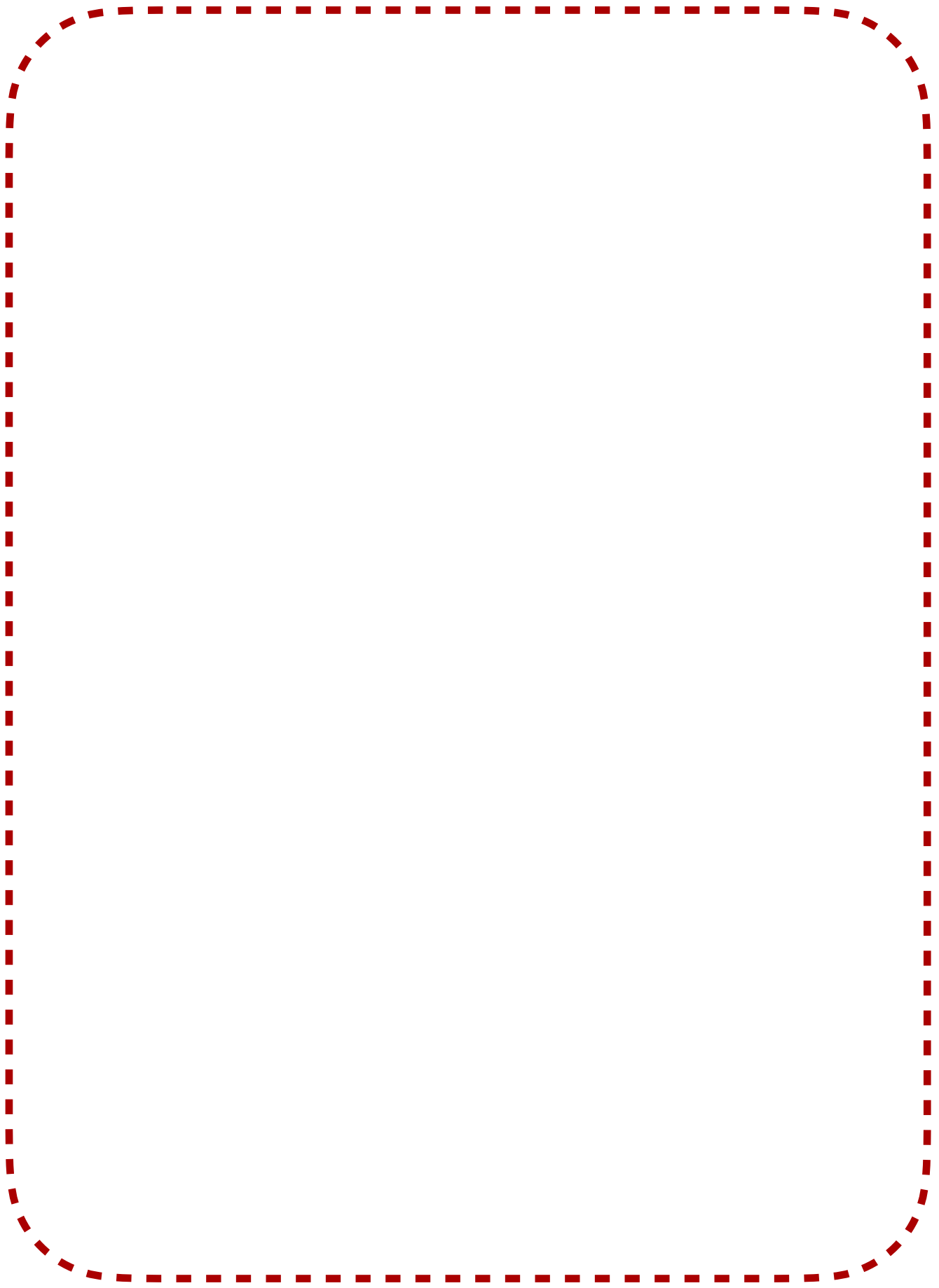
Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day. 14 There has been no day like it before or since, when the Lord heeded the voice of a man, for the Lord fought for Israel.

15 So Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

16 These five kings fled and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. 17 And it was told to Joshua, "The five kings have been found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah." 18 And Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave and set men by it to guard them, 19 but do not stay there yourselves. Pursue your enemies; attack their rear guard. Do not let them enter their cities, for the LORD your God has given them into your hand." 20 When Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished striking them with a great blow until they were wiped out, and when the remnant that remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, 21 then all the people returned safe to Joshua in the camp at Makkedah. Not a man moved his tongue against any of the people of Israel.

22 Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave and bring those five kings out to me from the cave." 23 And they did so, and brought those five kings out to him from the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. 24 And when they brought those kings out to Joshua, Joshua summoned all the men of Israel and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, "Come near; put your feet on the necks of these kings." Then they came near and put their feet on their necks. 25 And Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous. For thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight." 26 And afterward Joshua struck them and put them to death, and he hanged them on five trees. And they hung on the trees until evening. 27 But at the time of the going down of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had hidden themselves, and they set large stones against the mouth of the cave, which remain to this very day.

**Question for young worshipers:**  
**How did the Lord help his people?**





# Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

## I'll Not Be Shaken

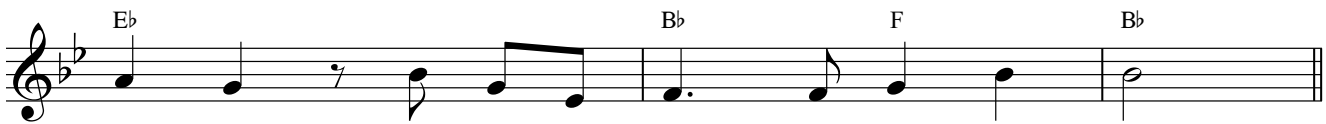
**As Christians, we share this meal - reminding us of and strengthening our union with Christ and with one another - as Jesus told His disciples to do before He was crucified.**



1. For God a - lone I wait in si - lence. My soul is still  
2. Put not your hope in gain of rich - es; seek not your rest  
3. Pour out your heart to God our ref - uge and trust in Him



be - fore the Lord. He is my rock and my sal -  
in emp - ty wealth. The rich are weak, the poor are  
to hear you cry. No oth - er hope will nev - er



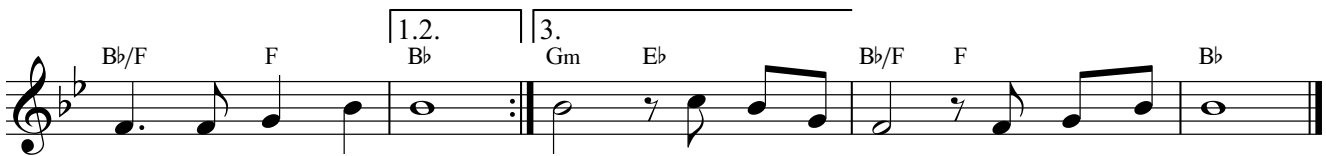
va - tion, my for - tress strong; I trust in Him.  
might - y who turn to God a - lone for help.  
fail you, no oth - er love will not run dry.



I'll not be sha-ken, I'll not be sha-ken, for all my hope is in His



love. From God a - lone comes my sal - va - tion; I'll wait and



trust His stead - fast love. love; I'll wait and trust His stead-fast love.

**★ Parents, if you think your child or children are ready to come to the table, please contact your fold elder or a pastor.**



## Benediction

The pastor proclaims a blessing on God's people



## Threefold Amen

"Amen" means "Let it be so" or "It is true"

A - men, A - men, A - - men.



## The Peace of Christ

We greet one another and are sent out on our way.

PASTOR: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

ALL: **And also with you!**

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Musicians – Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals; Dan Fager, Guitar & Vocals

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Check in downstairs at the Children's Ministry Desk to learn more!

### Preparing for next week's worship service

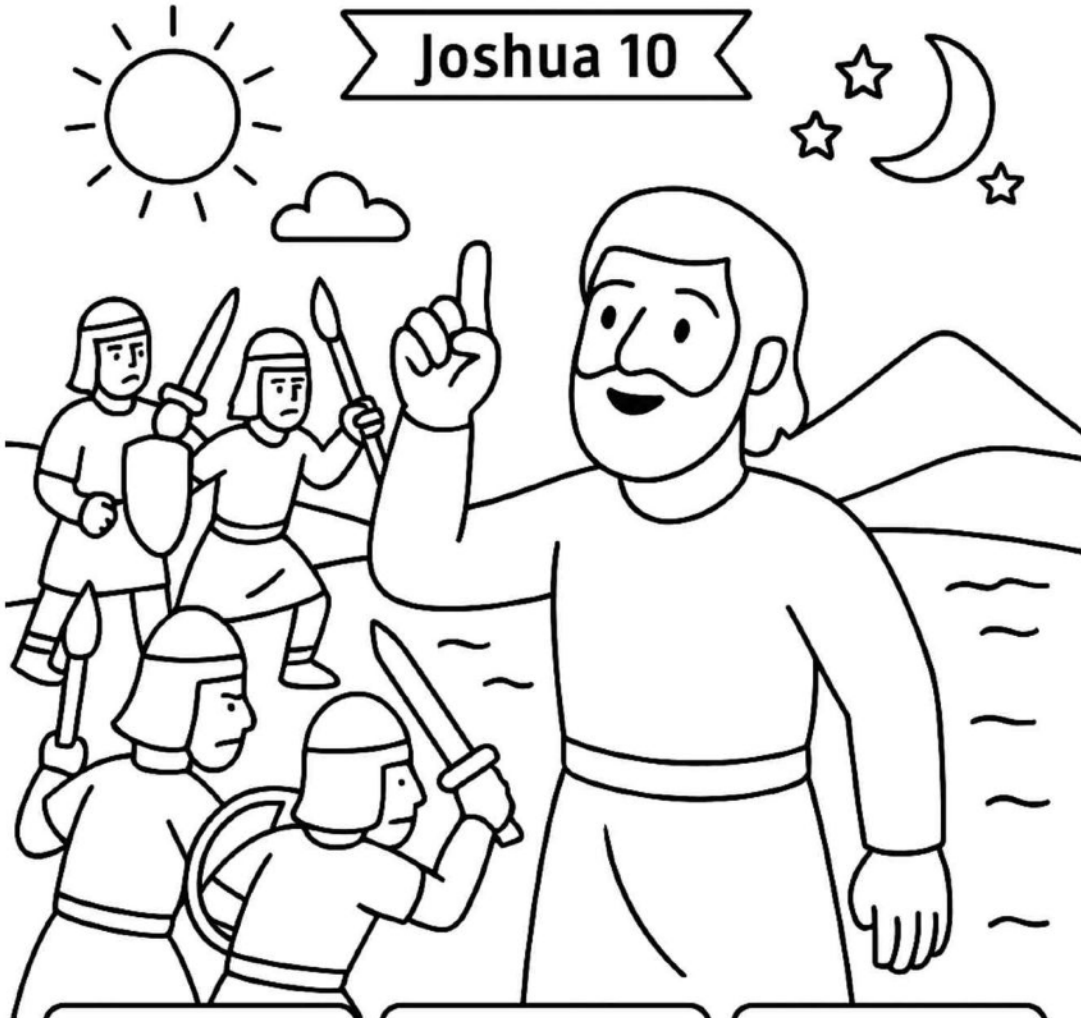
We know that **training our children to worship** does not happen overnight. Especially for children who are not yet able to read, worship services can be difficult to follow, much less participate in! By practicing some of the elements of the service at home as a family during the week as you are able, your child(ren) can be prepared for what to say and sing along with the congregation.

- **PRAY:** We need the Lord's help as we train our children in worship. Even our best efforts to prepare them will fall flat without His aid!
- **MEMORIZE:** Work on memorizing **The Apostles' Creed** and **The Lord's Prayer** with your child(ren). We say these almost every week! In addition, we almost always include one or more of the following songs: the **Doxology**, the **Gloria Patri**, and the **Threefold Amen**.
- **PRACTICE:** You can scan the QR code to find a Spotify playlist with hymns commonly sung in our service and other worshipful hymns.



# THE SUN ☁ STANDS STILL

Joshua 10



THE  
BATTLE

THE SUN  
AND  
MOON

JOSHUA  
PRAYS



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**Statement of Faith**

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), which believes that the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God and holds to that system of doctrine summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith & Catechisms.

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