



## Vespers Service

**July 25, 2021**

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*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa  
Born by grace in 1885*

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## Welcome & Invitation to Worship

### Songs of Praise

#### Hymn of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, guide my vision, help me see the way You see. Always Jesus, ever Jesus, Christ in all as Christ in me. Holy Spirit guide my speaking, words of grace and truth abound. Let my lips be filled with stories of the mercy that I've found.

*You're the light. You're my path. You're the Shepherd of my soul.  
All I am, all I have, Holy Spirit, lead me on.*

Holy Spirit, guide my hearing, wake my ears to words You speak. In the thunder, in the stillness, let Your voice be clear to me. Let Your voice be clear to me. *Refrain*

Holy Spirit, lead me onward, walking through the great unknown. Trusting, leaning, holding, clinging, 'til the day You lead me home. *Refrain*

#### Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb. In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night. Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished, the end is written; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spoken I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own. Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free. Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me. You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name; Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence the Roaring Lion, declared the grave has no claim on me. Jesus, Yours is the victory! *Refrain*

## Prayer of Confession

### Response

### He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path; for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; for my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast; precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last; bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast. 'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *Refrain*

## Assurance of Pardon

### Affirmation of Faith      The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### The Second Reading  1 Peter 2:1-10

### The Sermon      The Church's New Identity: The Royals

Rev. Wambugu

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,...*

(1 Peter 2:9)

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Co-Clerk Amy Scheiper

*Naomi DeSpain, daughter of Paul and Athena DeSpain*

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

### **Song of Response**

#### **More than Conquerors**

When my hope and strength is gone, You're the One who calls me on; You are the life; You are the fight that's in my soul. Oh, Your resurrection power burns like fire in my heart. When waters rise I lift my eyes up to Your throne.

*We are more than conquerors through Christ. You have overcome this world this life. We will not bow to sin or to shame; we are defiant in Your name. You are the fire that cannot be tamed; You are the power in our veins, our Lord, our God, our conqueror.*

I will sing into the night, "Christ is risen and on high." Greater is He, living in me than in the world. No surrender, no retreat, we are free and we're redeemed. We will declare, over despair, You are the hope. *Refrain*

Nothing is impossible, every chain is breakable, with You, we are victorious. You are stronger than our hearts; You are greater than the dark. With You we are victorious. *Refrain*