

God is calling Solomon prepare a temple legacy



1 Kings 5:1-5, 8:1-13



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PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
“In Christ Alone”

Slides
Handbell Choir Live

1. Trunk Or Treat Today
2. New Directory information needed.
3. All Saints Sunday and communion next week
4. Announcing a Congregational Meeting Nov. 14 to elect new elders

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please rise as you are able for our call to worship

- 1: God is here, real and tangible.
- 2: God is here, in word and sacrament.

All: God is God, and we stand in awe, to worship.

- 1: God is here, filling this place and this people with holiness.
- 2: God is here, and cannot be contained.

All: God is God, and we stand in awe, to worship.

*HYMN OF PRAISE ““Step By Step” ASL

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

CALL TO CONFESSION and CONFESSION

O great God, give us a glimpse of your glory,
that we may come before you with pure hearts and praise you only for your purpose. Let
us confess together, saying Holy God, **we want to dwell with you.**

Holiest of Holies, you are always doing a new thing, reforming your church by your
grace, revealing yourself as you will, dwelling where you will, moving where you will;
you are who you will be. Holy God, **we want to dwell with you.**

We confess that though we are a people gathered around your liberating word, we also
try to bind you in our traditions. We confess that we glorify you with our own motives in
mind, hiding our attempts to control you behind our worship and mission. Holy God, **we
want to dwell with you.**

We set our memories of your blessing in stone, preferring stability to freedom.
We confess that we speak of your glory and power, but live by our lists and contracts.
Forgive us for trying to contain you in buildings and plans. Holy God, **we want to dwell
with you.**

Forgive us for believing we can control access to you. Forgive us for believing your way
and our way can coexist. Drive out our illusions and fill us instead with your grace, that
we may live always and only as your people. Holy God, **we want to dwell with you.**

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me,” vs. 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven. The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon. And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free. Yet not I but through Christ in me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the cloud of God's glory so fill this place that we are set free from self-interested
worship and surrounded by God's grace and call alone. Hear the good news: In Christ,
God made a path for forgiveness and salvation. **Thanks be to God! Amen**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

READING 1 Kings 5:1-18; 8:1-13 Solomon’s Temple

Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always been a friend to David. ² Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, ³ “You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the LORD his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.^[b] ⁴ But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. ⁵ So I intend to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD said to my father David, ‘Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.’ ⁶ Therefore command that cedars from the Lebanon be cut for me. My servants will join your servants, and I will give you whatever wages you set for your servants; for you know that there is no one among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians.”

⁷ When Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly, and said, “Blessed be the Lord today, who has given to David a wise son to be over this great people.” ⁸ Hiram sent word to Solomon, “I have heard the message that you have sent to me; I will fulfill all your needs in the matter of cedar and cypress timber. ⁹ My servants shall bring it down to the sea from the Lebanon; I will make it into rafts to go by sea to the place you indicate. I will have them broken up there for you to take away. And you shall meet my needs by providing food for my household.” ¹⁰ So Hiram supplied Solomon’s every need for timber of cedar and cypress. ¹¹ Solomon in turn gave Hiram twenty thousand cors of wheat as food for his household, and twenty cors of fine oil. Solomon gave this to Hiram year by year. ¹² So the Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him. There was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and the two of them made a treaty.

¹³ King Solomon conscripted forced labor out of all Israel; the levy numbered thirty thousand men. ¹⁴ He sent them to the Lebanon, ten thousand a month in shifts; they would be a month in the Lebanon and two months at home; Adoniram was in charge of the forced labor. ¹⁵ Solomon also had seventy thousand laborers and eighty thousand stonecutters in the hill country, ¹⁶ besides Solomon’s three thousand three hundred supervisors who were over the work, having charge of the people who did the work. ¹⁷ At the king’s command, they quarried out great, costly stones in order to lay the foundation of the house with dressed stones. ¹⁸ So Solomon’s builders and the house with dressed stones. ¹⁸ So Solomon’s builders and Hiram’s builders and the Gebalites did the stonecutting and prepared the timber and the stone to build the house.

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders

of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. ² All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. ³ And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. ⁴ So they brought up the ark of the LORD, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. ⁵ King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered.

⁶ Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. ⁷ For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. ⁸ The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. ⁹ There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the Israelites, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁰ And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹ so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. ¹² Then Solomon said, “The LORD has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. ¹³ I have built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever.”

SERMON Rev. Marie Mainard-O’Connell

ANTHEM “We All Bow Down” (Annabel & choir) video

CREED

For our creed we will use the Law of God, as it was passed down to Moses on Mt. Sinai by the Lord. Let us remind ourselves of the law of God. The congregation will begin with the bold words on your screen.

God spoke all these words, saying, I am the Lord your God.
You shall have no other gods before me.
You shall not make for yourself an idol of anything in heaven above or on the earth below or in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down or worship them.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's home, you shall not covet your neighbor's spouse, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

This is the law of God for the people of God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to the Lord, saying “God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

O God, who is righteous and just, you watch over us all and lift up the lowly. You provide all our needs and are always faithful. To you, O faithful one, we lift prayers for ourselves and our neighbors. We pray for the church, that we might make justice, feed the hungry, and watch over those in need... God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world and its leaders, that they might turn to the way of righteousness and free those who are oppressed... God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are bowed down, captive, or alone. Help us to be their keepers so that they might be lifted up... God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they might find restoration in your healing... God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are young, those in need of joy and protection and play, that children would be protected and cherished this day and everyday. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift up to you the silent prayers we hold in our hearts... God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All this we offer through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, they 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 forever. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Liz Terrell

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

All that we have is a gift from God. We offer ourselves and our gifts to God, in gratitude for God's faithfulness to us. May our offerings be a reminder of God's amazing generosity, and may they be for others a blessing that opens the way of abundant life. You may give by leaving an offering in the plate as you exit the sanctuary, or by giving online through our webpage.

We also note that some gifts are meant for those who worship here, and so if you find yourself in need—physical, mental, or spiritual—please tell our elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry, or our Pastor Marie.

*Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Video
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER & PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN OF SENDING “A Mighty Fortress” organ
A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same; and he must win the battle.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

“The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.”

*POSTLUDE