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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN
OPENING PRAISE AND WORSHIP *I Will Call Upon the Lord* See Screens
WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kerry Foote
WELCOMING OF GUEST Pastor
If you are worshiping with us for the first time today, we are especially glad you are here. You do not have to know all the answers or have everything figured out to belong among us. We hope today you experience the love of Christ and discover that this is a place where you can worship, grow, ask questions, and walk with others in faith.

PASSING THE PEACE
Which is hardest for you to resist: the dessert table, the snooze button, or the need to prove that you're right?

* CALL WORSHIP Liturgist
Liturgist: When fear surrounds us, God calls us to stand firm.
Congregation: Our strength comes from the Lord.
Liturgist: When temptation pulls us away from what is right, God gives us truth and wisdom.
Congregation: Help us choose what leads us closer to You.
Liturgist: When we feel weak or alone, God surrounds us with grace, the Spirit, and the community of faith.
Congregation: We do not stand alone.
Liturgist: Come, let us worship the God who is greater than every power that seeks to pull us away.
Congregation: We will stand firm in the strength of the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (v. 1-4) UMH #110

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH An Affirmation for Standing Firm Liturgist
We believe in God, whose power is greater than every force of darkness and whose love will never let us go.
We believe in Jesus Christ, who faced temptation, conquered sin and death, and calls us to follow faithfully.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us when we are weak, guides us into truth, and equips us to resist what draws us away from God.
We believe God gives us Scripture, prayer, faith, grace, and the fellowship of the Church so that we do not stand alone.
Therefore, when temptation comes, when fear rises, and when compromise appears easier, we will stand firm in the Lord, trusting not in our own strength, but in the faithfulness of God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Daniel 3:13-18 (NKJV) Liturgist
13 Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego.
So they brought these men before the king. 14 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, "*Is it* true, Shadrach,
Meshach, and Abed-Nego, *that* you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up?
15 Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, *and* psaltery, in symphony
with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, *good!* But if you do not

worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who *is* the god who will deliver you from my hands?"
16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 If that *is the case,* our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver *us* from your hand, O king. 18 But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor
CHILDREN'S PRAYER
Dear God, Thank You for being with us. When we are afraid, help us trust You. When we are tempted, help us choose what is right. Give us courage to stand firm and follow Jesus. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:10-18(NKJV) Liturgist
10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places.* 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

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Congregation: Thanks be to God.

MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE Pastor
Prayer cards are in the chair backs, except the front row. To share a prayer with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it to the center aisle during the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect and pray over the cards during the service, then share them with the prayer chain for prayer throughout the week.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Take My Life, and* Let It Be (vs. 1-3) UMH # 399

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor

SERMON Pastor

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating our gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, receive these gifts as an expression of our gratitude and trust. Use them for Your purposes and for the blessing of others. Fill us with Your Spirit, and help us generously share our time, talents, resources, and lives in service to Christ. Amen.

PASSING THE PLATE

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings* UMH #95

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and who seek to live in peace with one another.

Today we are reminded that we do not stand firm by our own strength. We come to this table to receive grace, forgiveness, and strength from Christ.

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not always stood firm. We have trusted our own strength, listened to voices that lead us away from You, and allowed fear, pride, anger, and temptation to shape our choices. Forgive us. Renew us by Your grace, strengthen us by Your Spirit, and help us follow Jesus faithfully. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right to give You thanks, Almighty God. You have remained faithful even when Your people have wandered. You sent Jesus Christ, who faced temptation, confronted evil, gave Himself for us, and rose in victory over sin and death. And so we join together in praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

REMEMBERING CHRIST

Pastor: On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples. After supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them as the sign of the new covenant and forgiveness of sins. And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PRAYER OVER THE ELEMENTS

Pastor: Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup. Strengthen us where we are weak, give us courage when temptation comes, and help us stand in truth, faith, and grace. Make us one with Christ and one with each other as we serve the world in His name.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Gracious God, thank You for meeting us at Your table. Strengthen us to stand firm, guide us in truth, and help us resist what pulls us away from You. Send us into the world to live faithfully and follow Jesus courageously. Amen.

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *Standing on the Promises* (vs. 1-4) UMH #374

*COMMISION / BENEDICTION Pastor
*Go into this week knowing that you do not stand alone. When temptation comes, stand in truth. When fear comes, stand in faith. When compromise seems easier, stand in Christ. And when you stumble, receive God's grace, get back up, and keep following Jesus. Go in the strength of the Lord, knowing that the battle ultimately belongs to God…and all of God's children said…*Amen*.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Grace, Love and Fellowship* CEL#233

* Please stand as you are able.

Sermon Notes

ALPHA 101 — WEEK 9

HOW CAN I RESIST EVIL?

Theme: Standing Firm
Scripture: Daniel 3:13–18; Ephesians 6:10–18

Main Idea: Evil and temptation are real, but God gives us what we need to stand faithfully.

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1. Evil Is Real, but Evil Does Not Have the _____Word

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God even when they faced the fiery furnace.

Key Thought: Evil is real, but evil is not God's equal.

The promise is not that we will never face trouble. The promise is that **God does not _____ us there.**

Notes

Challenge

What fear or struggle do I need to place in God's hands?

"God, this may be bigger than me, but it is not bigger than You."

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2. Temptation Usually Begins _____ Than We Expect

Temptation usually starts with small compromises and small lies.

Paul tells us to put on the belt of _____.

Key Thought: Small choices eventually shape the direction of our lives.

Notes

Challenge

Where am I allowing a small compromise?

Small course corrections today can prevent larger problems tomorrow.

3. We Stand in God's _____, Not Our Own

God gives us what we need to stand:

Truth • Faith • Prayer • Scripture • The Holy Spirit • Christian Community

Key Thought: God does not ask us to stand alone.

Notes

Challenge

Where do I need help standing firm?

TAKE IT HOME

Sometimes spiritual victory looks very ordinary:

Choosing truth.
Walking away from temptation.
Forgiving someone.
Asking for help.
Praying instead of panicking.

Paul does not tell us to **be impressive.**

Paul tells us to:

STAND.

Three Prayers for the Week

“Lord, show me where I am vulnerable.”

“Lord, give me strength to stand.”

“Lord, help me choose what leads me closer to You.”

Final Thought

Stand—not because you are strong enough, but because God is faithful enough.