



# The Full Armor of God

- ~ Girded with Truth
- ~ Breastplate of Righteousness
- ~ Gospel of Peace
- ~ Shield of Faith
- ~ Helmet of Salvation
- ~ Sword of the Spirit  
which is the Word  
of God  
( Ephesians 6:14-17 )

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**Worship Service**



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# The Worship of God

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

### Part 7 of Sailboat Church Series

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Our Vision

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude....



Be a **living sacrifice** just as Christ was.

There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.

- C. S. Lewis in *The Screwtape Letters*

Consider this verse of *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* by Martin Luther:

We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! His doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.

## Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

**L:** The God who watches over our goings-out awaits our coming-in.

**P** ***The Lord above us is our Keeper; the Lord within us does not sleep.***

**L:** The God who sends us out into the world is always happy to welcome us back home.

**P:** ***The Lord of heaven is our Keeper; the lord of earth does not sleep.***

**A:** ***Let us come home in faithfulness, offering all our heart and soul. Our help is from the Lord, from this time forth and forevermore.***

\*Hymn of Praise

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Vs. 1-3

1-Stand up, stand up for Jesus  
Ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high his royal banner,  
It must not suffer loss:  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
His army he shall lead,  
'Til ev'ry foe is vanquished,  
And Christ is Lord indeed.

2-Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
The trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict  
In this his glorious day:  
Ye that are men now serve him  
Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger,  
And strength to strength oppose.

3-Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
 Stand in his strength alone;  
 The arm of flesh will fail you,  
 Ye dare not trust your own:  
 Put on the gospel armor,  
 Each piece put on with prayer;  
 Where duty calls, or danger,  
 Be never wanting there.

**Prayer of Confession**

*Spirit of God, we confess that there have been times when we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. Too often, we are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. And instead of protecting ourselves with righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation, we have been arrogant, superstitious, and self-reliant, believing that we could do better than you. Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace. It is sad to see people use your Word to attack one another, instead of striking out against the sins we personally commit. Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News. And now, holy God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgiveness.....Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

- L: Friends, hear the Good News: We have no need to fear the forces that try to stand against us,
- P: **For God is mighty and powerful, always ready to stand beside us and forgive us.**
- L: Believe the Good News of the Gospel -
- P: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

Meeting God in the Word

**Children’s Message**

**Prayer for Illumination**

<b>First Lesson</b>	<i>Romans 12: 1-3</i>	<i>New Life in Christ</i>	<i>Lay Leader</i>
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*I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conform-ed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.*

- L: This is the Word of the Lord.
- P: **Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music**

<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	Bell Choir and Vocalists
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*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

*Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

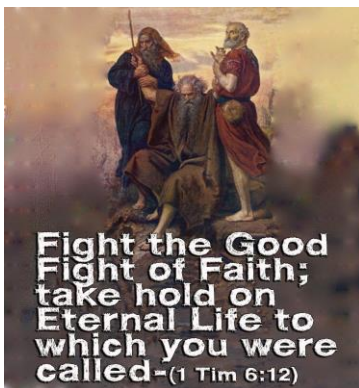
*Proudly Wearing the Armor of God*

# Responding to the Word

## \*Hymn

*Fight the Good Fight*

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*1-Fight the good fight with all thy might;  
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.*

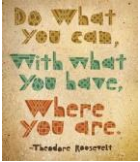
*2-Run the straight race through God's good grace,  
Lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face;  
Life with its way before us lies,  
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.*

*4-Faint not nor fear, God's arms are near;  
God changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
That Christ is all in all to thee.*

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

Cares Chorus: *I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.  
And anytime I don't know what to do, I cast all my cares upon you.*

## The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts



*God provided all that we need, and so we are called to return a portion of our blessings to God to be used in God's service. We so appreciate all that each of you shares for our church's ministry. May we all give sacrificially for God's glory.*

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation and Prayer of Consecration

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

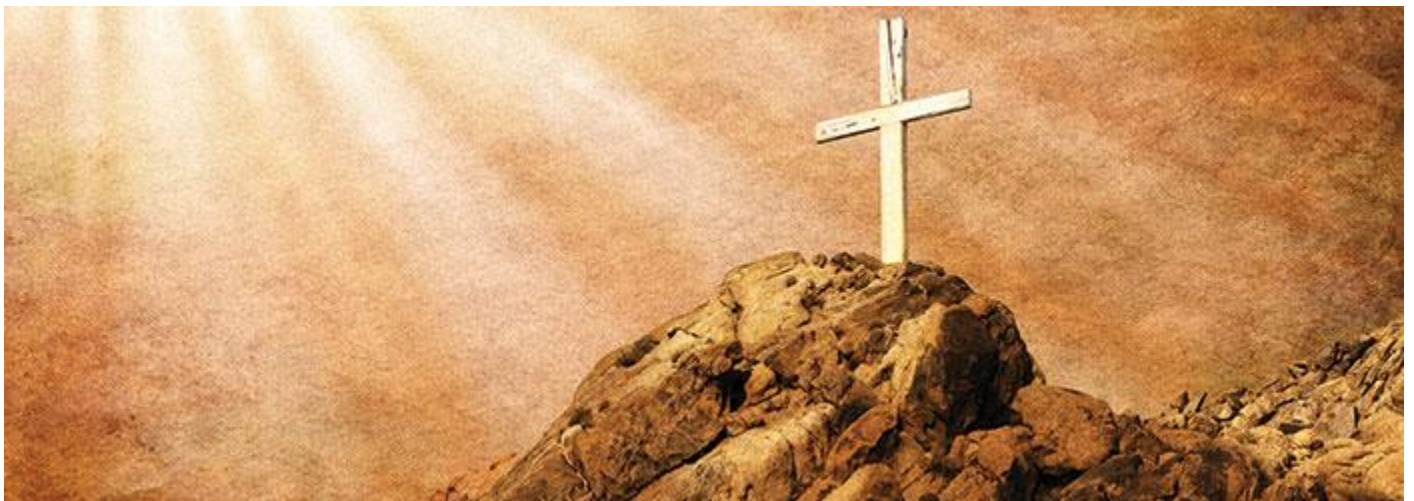


## Going Out to Serve

Closing Hymn

*O Christ, the Great Foundation*

#361, GTG, vs.1-3



*1-O Christ, the great foundation  
On which your people stand  
To preach your true salvation  
In every age and land:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit  
To make us strong and pure,  
To keep the faith unbroken  
As long as worlds endure.*

*2-Baptized in one confession,  
One church in all the earth,  
We bear our Lord's impression,  
The sign of second birth:  
One holy people gathered  
In love beyond our own,  
By grace we were invited;  
By grace we make you know.*

*3-Where tyrants' hold is tightened,  
 Where strong devour the weak,  
 Where innocents are frightened,  
 The righteous fear to speak,  
 There let your church awaking  
 Attack the powers of sin  
 And, all their ramparts breaking,  
 With you the victory win.*

### **Blessing**

L: Ambassadors of God, be strong! Show yourselves to be courageous, drawing upon your inner strength – the might of God.

***P: We will keep the charge the Lord has given, declaring boldly the love of heaven, that we all may stand in peace before God and neighbor.***

L: And may the blessings...

### **Response**

*He Is Lord - He is Lord, he is Lord. He has risen from the dead, and he is Lord.  
 Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.*