Welcome & announcements:

The Lord is king! Lift up your voice!

O earth, and all you heavens rejoice! From world to world the song shall ring: 'The Lord omnipotent is king!'

The Lord is king! Who then shall dare resist His will, distrust His care, or murmur at His wise decrees, or doubt His royal promises?

The Lord is King! Child of the dust, the Judge of all the earth is just. Holy and true are all His ways; let every creature speak His praise!

He reigns! You saints, exalt your strains! Your God is King, your Father reigns; and He is at the Father's side, the Man of Love, the crucified.

One Lord, one kingdom all secures; He reigns, and life and death are yours. Through earth and heaven one song shall ring, 'The Lord omnipotent is King'.

Josiah Conder (1789-1855)

Prayer:

Memory verse:

- Last week Fearful and foolish.
- This week Good and bad choices.

The Lord said to Abram: "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:2-3.

I will glory in my Redeemer,

whose priceless blood has ransomed me. Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, and hung Him on that judgment tree. I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death. My only Saviour before the Holy Judge: the Lamb who is my righteousness, the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer.
My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another,
I'm satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
His faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
my feet are firm, held by His grace.
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I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings. He crowns my life with lovingkindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing. I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold. And when He calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold. Prayer:

Reading:

Joshua 18:1-10

- 1 Now the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of meeting there. And the land was subdued before them.
- 2 But there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance.
- 3 Then Joshua said to the children of Israel: "How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers has given you?
- 4 Pick out from among you three men for *each* tribe, and I will send them; they shall rise and go through the land, survey it according to their inheritance, and come *back* to me.
- 5 And they shall divide it into seven parts. Judah shall remain in their territory on the south, and the house of Joseph shall remain in their territory on the north.
- 6 You shall therefore survey the land in seven parts and bring the survey here to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.
- 7 But the Levites have no part among you, for the priesthood of the LORD *is* their inheritance. And Gad, Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them."
- 8 Then the men arose to go away; and Joshua charged those who went to survey the land, saying, "Go, walk through the land, survey it, and come back to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD in Shiloh."
- 9 So the men went, passed through the land, and wrote the survey in a book in seven parts by cities; and they came to Joshua at the camp in Shiloh.
- 10 Then Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD, and there Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions.

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- 49 When they had made an end of dividing the land as an inheritance according to their borders, the children of Israel gave an inheritance among them to Joshua the son of Nun.
- 50 According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked for, Timnath Serah in the mountains of Ephraim; and he built the city and dwelt in it.
- 51 These were the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel divided as an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. So they made an end of dividing the country.

From the breaking of the dawn

to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on every promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save,
that will never pass away;
I will stand on every promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure:
I can stand on every promise of Your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in, I will stand on every promise of Your Word. You are faithful to forgive, that in freedom I might live, so I stand on every promise of Your Word. Guilt to innocence restored; You remember sins no more: So I'll stand on every promise of Your Word.

P.T.O.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice, and I'll stand on every promise of Your Word. Through this dark and troubled land, You will guide me with Your hand as I stand on every promise of Your Word. And You've promised to complete every work begun in me:

So I'll stand on every promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair;
love that casts out every fear
as I stand on every promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone,
for the Comforter has come,
and I stand on every promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
grace for all who will believe.
We will stand on every promise of Your Word.
(repeat last three lines twice)

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Sermon: 'How to regain your grip!'

Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing:

Christ over all, our undivided aim.
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing, wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing, the will that lacks the courage to be free, the weary labours, all but unavailing, to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing, a true repentance and a faith restored, a swift obedience and a new possessing, filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord! We turn to Christ from all our restless striving, unnumbered voices with a single prayer: the living water for our souls' reviving, in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church, we long for our uniting, true to one calling, by one vision stirred; one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting, one in the truth of Jesus and His word!

So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended, one church triumphant one new song shall sing, to praise His glory, risen and ascended,

Christ over all, the everlasting King!

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