

KNIGHTSVILLE Methodist Church

Faith - Family - Fellowship

ORDER OF WORSHIP **TRADITIONAL SERVICE** MARCH 2, 2025

GREETING & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PR
CALL TO WORSHIP	Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart	Chancel Choir
PRELUDE		LT
HYMN OF FAITH	Depth of Mercy (Hymnal #355 vs. 1, 4, & 5)	Chancel Choir & Congregation
PSALTER	Psalm 143:1-10	Al Beaty
GLORIA PATRI	Hymnal #71	
WORDS OF WISDOM	Numbers 13:17-20; 25-31	Al Beaty
ANTHEM OF HOPE	His Eye Is on the Sparrow (COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS)	Chancel Choir
DOXLOGY / BLESSING OF THE OFFERING	Hymnal #95	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH / THE LORD'S PRAYER		Doug Hammond
WORD OF GOD	Hebrews 11:1-3	Tony Smith
SPIRITUAL VITAMIN	If I Only Had More	
HYMN OF LOVE	My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Hymnal #452 vs. 1 & 2)	Chancel Choir & Congregation
BENEDICTION		

PSALTER READING - PSALM 143:1-10

Leader: Hear my prayer, O Lord; in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications; in your righteousness answer me!

People: Enter not into judgment with your servant; for no one living is righteous before you.

Leader: For enemies have pursued me; they have crushed my life to the ground; they have made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

People: Therefore, my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

Leader: I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that you have done; I muse on what your hands have wrought.

People: I stretch out my hands to you; my souls thirsts for you like a parched land.

Leader: Make haste to answer me, O Lord! My spirit fails!

People: Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

Leader: In the morning let me hear of your steadfast love, through my faith I put my trust in you.

People: Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Leader: Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies!

People: I have fled to you for refuge!

Leader: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

People: Let your good Spirit lead me on a level path!

WORDS OF WISDOM - NUMBERS 13:17-20, 25-31

Numbers is the book of wanderings. It takes its name from the two numberings of the Israelites - the first at Mount Sinai and the second on the plains of Moab. Most of the book, however, describes Israel's experiences as they wander in the wilderness. The lesson of Numbers is clear. While it may be necessary to pass through wilderness experiences in life, one does not have to live there.

Allow these words to identify your level of faith and how you need to increase it for the glory of God.

Moses sent them out with these instructions: "Go northward into the hill country of the Negeb, and see what the land is like; see also what the people are like who live there, whether they are strong or weak, many or few; and whether the land is fertile or not; and what cities there are, and whether they are villages or are fortified; whether the land is rich or poor, and whether there are many trees. Don't be afraid and bring back some samples of the crops you see."

After forty days of exploration, they returned from their tour. They made their report to Moses, Aaron, and all the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran at Kadesh, and they showed the fruit they had brought with them. This was their report: "We arrived in the land you sent us to see, and it is indeed a magnificent country—a land 'flowing with milk and honey.' Here is some fruit we have brought as proof. But the people living there are powerful, and their cities are fortified and very large; and what's more, we saw Anakim giants there! The Amalekites live in the south, while in the hill country there are the Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites; down along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and in the Jordan River Valley are the Canaanites." But Caleb reassured the people as they stood before Moses. "Let us go up at once and possess it," he said, "for we are well able to conquer it!" "Not against people as strong as they are!" the other spies said. "They would crush us!"

Dear God, we are saved by faith. We walk by faith. We pray in faith. We conquer fear by faith. Our faith in you turns all hope into realities.

People: Alleluia, Praise be to God, Alleluia!

WORD OF GOD - HEBREWS 11:1-3

What is customarily called the Letter to the Hebrews is a sermon in written form for Christians. The main topic of Hebrews is the saving significance of Jesus' death and resurrection. Its starting point is the early Christian confession that "*Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures*". It portrays Jesus' death as the perfect sacrifice for sins. And since Jesus went willingly to his death, it presents him as the great high priest who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice. In short, there is more to be gained in having total belief in Christ than to be lost in the world in which we live. Pressing on in Christ produces tested faith, self-discipline, and a visible love seen in good works.

Listen carefully to these words from chapter 11. Allow them to open your heart to a fuller understanding of the "great" faith Jesus wishes from us.

The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd. By faith, we see the world called into existence by God's word, what we see created by what we don't see.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: Please join me in today's Prayer of Consecration.

Pastor: Jesus, have mercy upon us, as we move through this day.

People: **In the times of peace these hours may bring. You in me, and I in you.**

Pastor: Jesus, have mercy upon us, as we move through this day.

People: **In the seasons of wilderness that make me strong. You in me, and I in you.**

Pastor: Jesus, have mercy upon us, as we move through this day.

People: **In the freedom of surrender before your cross. You in me, and I in you.**

Pastor: Jesus, have mercy upon us, as we move through this day.

People: **In the power of the resurrection, that makes me whole. You in me, and I in you.**

ALL: **In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

