

Radio Station: 87.9

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to God and praise his name." - Psalm 100:4

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord. For God has done marvelous things!

People: Bless the Lord, Oh my soul. Bless God's holy name!

***Opening Hymn (see insert)**

*"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
(Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)"*

Prayer *Teach Me Gratitude by Rebecca Ruiz*

Holy Spirit, open my heart to understand how precious I am to you, how loved I am by you. Open the eyes of my soul, to see the gifts you have put before me this day. Give me the grace to recognize each encounter with you. Teach me to respond in gratitude, to grow in gratitude. Teach me to be generous, as you are generous with me, and to collaborate with you in serving my sister and my brother for your greater glory.

***Passing the Peace** (during the passing of the peace, children please come forward for a message and blessing.)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

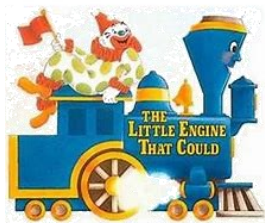
People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with a honk of the horn and hand-sign of peace.

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Children's Message & Blessing



Today's Children's Book
The Little Engine That Could

Prayer for Illumination Psalm 119:105

**"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path." Amen.**

Sermon Text Genesis 18:9-15

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon *The Mission Is Possible*

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

***Hymn of Response & Offering**

(see insert)

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

Prayers of the People (With a mic, the liturgist will walk to those with their hand raised.)

**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 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.**

***Charge & Blessing**

***Postlude**

Note: Please join us for a special
Lemonade Lull to celebrate
Pastor Mashona's birthday!



Preacher: Rev. Joseph H. Walston,
Retired Pastor AME Church
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston
Keyboard: Iteke Prins
Vocalist and/or specialist: Glenn
Claydon

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Su | JULY 30 | 10AM AW | Drive-In Worship at FCIA, also on Zoom Special Happy Birthday Rev. Mashona Lemonade Lull |
| Mo | 31 | 9AM | Food Pantry - temporary location |
| Tu | AUG 1 | 9AM 6PM 6:30PM | Food Pantry - temporary location Elders Meeting - Parlor Consistory Meeting - Parlor |
| We | 2 | 9AM 12PM | Food Pantry - temporary location AA Meeting in the Parlor, Centering Prayer in the Powell Rm. |
| Th | 3 | 11:30AM 7PM | Hotdogs in the Park A Night of Worship |

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 6 - FOCUS Service at Trinity United Methodist
(no Drive-In Worship at FCIA)
- Aug. 13 - First's 381st Anniversary Celebration,
Communion in Clee Park
- Aug. 20 - Aloha Attire Competition! Wear your
Aloha Best!

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What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,
lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your
 wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on

power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me
 jour - ney through. Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer, ev - er
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will

now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.
 ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

For an alternate arrangement see 926

Words: William Williams, 1745; st. 1 tr. Peter Williams, 1771, alt; st. 2-3 tr. William Williams, 1772, alt., P.D.
 Music (CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7): John Hughes, 1907, P.D.