ThanksLiving
"Giving thanks in life's challenging times"

PART 2 (Nov 8)
"When the Odds are Against You"

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship
Pastor: Look around at the overwhelming waves of life. The world tells us to look at the numbers, to calculate the risks, and to despair when the odds are stacked against us.
People: But our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth!
Pastor: When financial debts loom like mountains.
People: When our jobs feel insecure.
Pastor: When darkness seems to hold the upper hand, we are tempted to flee in fear.
People: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?
Pastor: Christ stepped off the boat onto a stormy shore to confront a legion of torment. He broke the chains of the hopeless demoniac, showing that no enemy is too fierce for His command.
People: We enter His gates with thanksgiving because His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations!

Hymn
"Sing Sing Sing" (Chris Tomlin)

Prayer of the Day
Pastor: Almighty and Everlasting God, You are the defender of the helpless and the champion of the broken.
People: When the odds against us seem impossible,
Pastor: And when we are outnumbered by trouble on every side,
People: Lift our eyes to see Your heavenly hosts.
Pastor: Forgive us for measuring Your power by our human weakness.
People: Fill our hearts with a bold, defiant thanksgiving that praises You for the victory before the battle is even over.
Pastor: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: 2 Kings 6:11-17

11 And the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this thing, and he called
his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me who of us is for the king of Israel?"
12 And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel,
tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." 13 And he said, "Go and see

where he is, that I may send and seize him." It was told him, "Behold, he is in Dothan." [14]So he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city. [15]When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" [16]He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." [17]Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

New Testament: Ephesians 6:10-20

[10]Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. [11]Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. [12]For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil 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 firm. [14]Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, [15]and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. [16]In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; [17]and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, [18]praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, [19]and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, [20]for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Gospel: Mark 5:1–6

[1]They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. [2]And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. [3]He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, [4]for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. [5]Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. [6]And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him.

Creed: Apostle's

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day
"Whom Shal l Fear" (Chris Tomlin)

Message

Prayer & 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 and ever. Amen.

Confession/Absolution

Communion
"Abide with Me" (Jill Phillips)
"It Is Well" (North Point Worship)
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (Shane & Shane)

Prayer of Thanks

Farewell Blessing
Joetta Witkowski
Gus & Lauren Williams

Closing Hymn
"When I Think about the Lord" (Shane & Shane)

Sending
P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord
C: Thanks be to God. Amen.