

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised
Thou wilt all our burdens bear;
May we ever, Lord, be bringing
All to Thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory bright, unclouded,
There will be no need for prayer—
Rapture, praise, and endless worship
Will be our sweet portion there.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 12:1-2

MESSAGE

FOCUS, FOCUS, FOCUS

HYMN

HIGHER GROUND

I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Refrain:

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Heaven's tableland,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where those abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground. **Refrain:**

I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground." **Refrain:**

PRAYER

POSTLUDE



Gardens of Venice Worship
Sponsored by Trinity Church of South Venice

Leading in Worship today is Brenda Ward, Doda Rye, Steve & Sandi Aldrich, Doris Kerper, Juanita Fauser, Jim & Shirley Kmetz, Pianist.

Gardens of Venice Worship Service
June 18, 2017 — 1:00PM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

HYMN *A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD*

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky.

That word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him Who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Steve Aldrich

Gracious and generous God, we come before you in our worship today. You are wisdom and power; you are holiness and love. In every way you surpass our knowledge and imagination. We give our thanks and praise. O God, you are good and so good to us. You have spoken the Word of creation, redemption, guidance, and have given us life. You have endowed us with a timely heritage and a timeless hope. You have granted us your invitation to draw near to you. You have offered us forgiven sin and a restored relationship with you. By your grace, you have made us your very own. Gathered here today as your people, we offer not only thanks and praise, but minds, hearts, abilities, and wills to serve you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

Sandi Aldrich

HYMN

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.