

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
September 25, 2016

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

Prelude

***Call to Worship** *Assurance of God's Protection*

You who sit down in the High God's presence, spend the night in El Shaddai's shadow, say this:

"God, you're my refuge. I trust in you and I'm safe!"

That's right - God rescues you from hidden traps, God shields you from deadly hazards. God's huge outstretched arms protect you — under the shelter of his wings you are perfectly safe; his arms fend off all harm.

**We will fear nothing — not wild wolves in the night,
not flying arrows in the day,
not disease that prowls through the darkness,
not disaster that erupts at high noon.**

"If you'll hold on to me for dear life," says God, "I'll get you out of any trouble. I'll give you the best of care if you'll only get to know and trust me."

If we call upon the Lord, God will answer, God will be at our side in bad times; God will rescue us, and then God will throw us a party.

The Lord will give you a long life, the Most High will give you a long drink of salvation!

"God, you're my refuge. I trust in you and I'm safe!"
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (The Message)

***Opening Song** **"O Worship the King"** Hymn 2

***Invocation Prayer**

Song of Faith **"Fairest Lord Jesus" (Sz 1 & 4) Hymn 123**
 "We Will Glorify" Hymn 337

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 32:1-15

Reading from the Psalter 146

Praise for God's Help

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Responsorial

"God Will Take Care of You"

Children's Message

(Children dismissed to Junior Church)

Community and Congregational Prayer – 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

Invitation to Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “Wanna Be Happy?” by Kirk Franklin
 The Youth Choir with Mark Calloway

*Scripture and Prayer of Illumination: Luke 16:19-31

Message “Rich Man, Poor Man: What’s the Point?”
 The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING IN FAITH & SERVICE

*Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be baptized, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come to Jesus during this song.

*Song “Rescue the Perishing”

*Closing Prayer

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

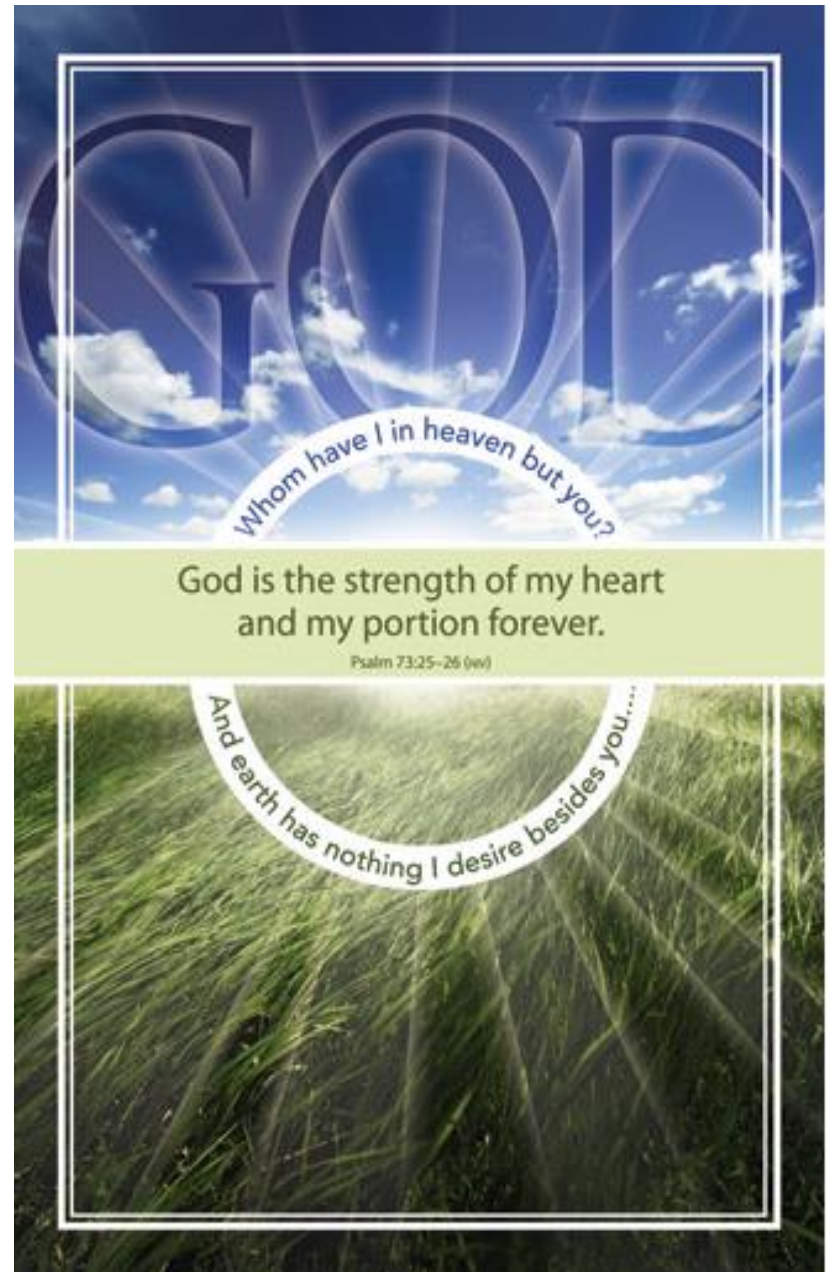
**Please stand, if able*

The Lord’s Supper or Holy Communion is served the first Sunday of each month and on special holy days. West Side Baptist Church practices *open communion*. Baptized Christians from all Christian traditions are welcome to partake of the elements. Please wait until everyone is served, then we will feast together.



MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ

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