

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit
Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

—*Gathering*—
Faith of Our Fathers

Jack Brooks

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.

God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.

God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!

*HYMN #20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

CALL TO CONFESSION

Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us prepare our hearts through the confession of our individual and collective sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

—*Word*—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

FIRST READING

Hebrews 11:1-28

Bible p. 211-212, Lg p. 273-274

The Word of God.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Bible p. 211-212, Lg p. 212-213

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Faith That Endures: Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus

Rev. Naveen Nischal

—*Response*—

*HYMN #326

For All the Saints

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE