

Welcome to Worship
Burnt Hills United Methodist Church
August 22, 2021

Ephesians 4:10-17

The Whole Armor of God

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.

¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

At this time, we are asking everyone to please wear a mask while inside the building, and while singing during worship.

Prelude *Sing of the Lord's Goodness* Sands

Welcome – Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to find strength in the Lord,

God gives us the tools, the Armor of God.

So that we can stand against the enemies – apathy, hate, war, and greed.

We are armed with truth, justice, the good news of peace.

We are called to stand against evil, injustice and self centeredness,

Lord, fill us with your spirit as we gather today.

Give us the courage and strength we need

To stand for you and reflect your love - to world in need of grace.

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:10-17

Music *O God of Every Nation* UMH 435

Message **The Rev. Doug Mackey**

A Moment of Giving Thanks: A Prayer to Dedicate Tithes and Offerings

Music: Doxology

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Prayer Song *Praise God for this Holy Ground* Bell

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Go Forth for God* UMH 670

Benediction

Postlude *Wonderful Words of Life* Bliss

Be Thou My Vision UMH 451

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

O God of Every Nation UMH 435

O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and nation and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray!

Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase.
When hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

Go Forth for God UMH 670

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.