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Hebrews 11:1, KJV

**Elijah: Faithfulness in
Hard Places**

Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 96:1-6)

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols,

but the Lord made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him;

strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

SONG OF DEVOTION

Be Thou My Vision

Chancel Choir

arr. J. DeLapp

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of all faithfulness, you have opened the gate of mercy for your people and are always ready to welcome those who turn to you. Look on us in your compassion, that we may gladly respond to your love and faithfully walk in your way through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- GREETING
- SONGS OF PRAISE

Indescribable

Same God

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Matthew 22:37-40)

Our Lord Jesus said: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have

not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God in silent prayer.

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SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (John 3:16-17)

Hear the good news: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s 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 the glory forever, amen.**

HYMN

#548 *As the Deer*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory



- *Doxology*
- *And Blessing (remain standing and hold hands)*

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 18:1-15 (p. 556)

SERMON: “Elijah: Faithfulness in Hard Places”

Pastor Bryan Kunz

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#510 *Heaven Came Down*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

- **BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**

