

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1996**

A Festival of Hymns from African-American sources  
(Based on Portions of Psalm 18)

PRELUDE

\*SCRIPTURE SENTENCES (Psalm 18:1-3a)

L. I love you, O Lord, my strength.

P The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

L. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

\*HYMN NO. 333 "I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"  
stanza 1 only

\*PRAYER (adapted from a prayer by the Reverend Richard Allen)

Let us pray

O God, you are an eternal, incomprehensible spirit,  
infinite in all perfections;  
who made all things out of nothing  
and governs them all by your wise providence.

Let us always adore you with profound humility,  
as our Sovereign Lord;

and help us to love and praise you  
with godlike affections and suitable devotion.

O Lord, you have not abandoned us to the dim light  
of our own reason to conduct us to happiness,  
but you have revealed in the Holy Scriptures  
whatever is necessary for us to believe and practice.

How noble and excellent are your precepts, O god!

How sublime and enlightening the truth;

how persuasive and strong the motives;  
how powerful the assistance of your holy religion.

Grant that our delight shall be in your statutes  
and that we will not forget your word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 18: 4-5

(The Psalmist cries:)

The cords of death encompassed;  
the torrents of perdition assailed me;  
the cords of Sheol entangled me;  
the snares of death confronted me.

HYMN NO. 525 "We'll Understand It Better By and By"

stanza 1	all	stanza 3:	men
stanza 2:	women	stanza 4:	all

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 18:6

In my distress I called upon the Lord;  
to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.



HYMN NO. 521 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

SILENT PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON PSALM 18:16-19

[The Lord] reached down from on high, [and] took me;  
he drew me out of mighty waters.  
[The Lord] delivered me from my strong enemy,  
and from those who hated me;  
for they were too mighty for me.  
They confronted me in the day of my calamity;  
but the Lord was my support.  
He brought me out into a broad place;  
[The Lord] delivered me, because he delighted in me.

HYMN NO. 507 "Through It All" (sing twice)

HYMN NO. 373 "Nothing Between"

stanza 1: all	stanza 3: women
stanza 2: men	stanza 4: all

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 18:31-33

For who is God except the Lord?  
and who is a rock besides our God?--  
the God who girded me with strength,  
and made my way safe.  
[The Lord] made my feet like the feet of a deer,  
and set me secure on the heights.

HYMN NO. 115 "How Like a Gentle Spirit"

SILENT PRAYER

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 18:46, 48-49

The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock  
and exalted be the God of my salvation ...  
who delivered me from enemies;  
indeed, you exalted me above my adversaries;  
you delivered me from the violent.  
For this I will extol you, O Lord,  
among the nations,  
and sing praises to your name.

\*HYMN NO. 519 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

This service was put together by Dr Karen Westerfield Tucker  
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