

Traditional Worship Service

Sunday, August 23, 2026 • 9:40 a.m.

Welcome!

Rev. Lee Foster

Invocation

Quietly Preparing to Worship God

Everyone

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones

In the quiet of this morning, hear God's promise to his people through the prophet Isaiah. "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you..." (Isa. 41:10) Such comforting words! For life does carry us to the tops of mountains and into the valleys of disillusion and uncertainty.

God's prophet Elijah knew the heights and depths. Standing boldly as God's voice, Elijah experienced great victory on Mt. Carmel. Yet, he quickly found himself fleeing to the desert in fear for his life. Exhausted and despairing he wanted out.

God's response was not rebuke or abandonment. Instead, God met Elijah in the depths of despair, providing rest and nourishment for the journey ahead. As we enter this time of worship, trust the One whose strength is sufficient. Whatever season you are in, God is with you and He will provide what you need for your journey. And that's a promise!

Prelude

Prelude on

NETTLETON

Responsive Reading

Dr. Jimmie Miles and Everyone

*Congregation reads the **bold print***

If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side:
The disabled man would have continued to lay by the pool of Bethesda. (John 5)

If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side:

The deaf man never would have been able to hear. (Mark 7)

If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side:

The demon possessed man would still be in chains. (Luke 8)

If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side:

The woman caught in adultery would have been stoned. (John 8)

If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side:

The leper would never have been healed. (Matthew 8)

If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side:

Bartimaeus would still be called blind. (Mark 10)

If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side:

There would be no hope.

**Blessed be the Lord,
who is our rock and our redeemer!**

Hymn 383

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

Reading from Isaiah 51:1-6

David Harpe

Choral Anthem

Come Thou Fount

arr. Roland Martin

Reading from Matthew 16:13-20

Elizabeth Harpe

Hymn 463

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

Offertory

Meditation from Thais

Jules Massenet

Sophie Edwards, violin

Offertory Prayer

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Everyone

Pastoral Scripture **1 Kings 19:1-8** Rev. Foster

Pastor: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message ***When Life's Too Much*** Rev. Foster

Hymn 289 ***Days of Elijah*** DAYS OF ELIJAH

Closing Words

Benediction

Postlude ***Fanfare*** William Matthias

HOW TO JOIN: During the Response Hymn, you are invited to join our congregation. You may become a member by one of the following methods.

1. You may share with the congregation that you have committed your life to Jesus and desire to be baptized.
2. You have already made a commitment to Jesus, been baptized and now desire to transfer your membership from another church to Winfree, or join based on your statement of faith in Christ.

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