

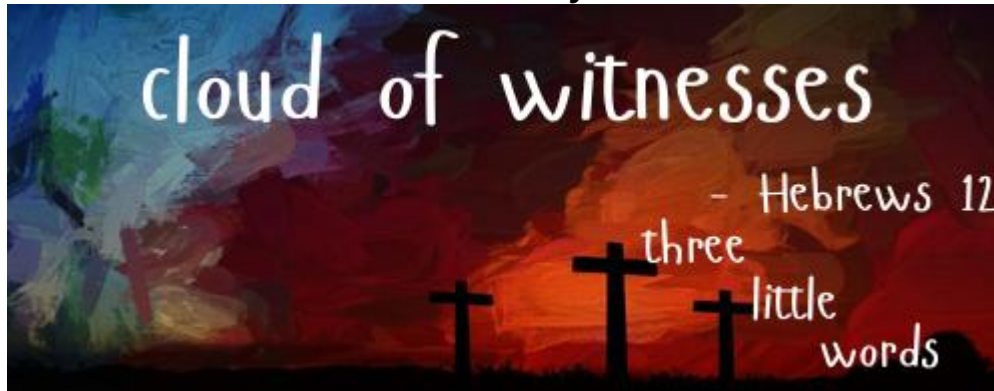
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Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Bekah McHugh
In celebration of her dad Orlin's birthday

Confession and Forgiveness

As we ready our hearts for worship in this gathered community let us confess our sins which turn us away from God

Silence for reflection

God is love. Despite being made in God's image we forget to reflect that love to the world. Rather than simply proclaiming the three little words, God loves you, we judge others, we find fault and we place prerequisites on your grace. Forgive us for the ways we try to keep score and keep your kingdom small. Remind us to leave our selfish ways at the foot of the cross so that we might become the hands and feet of Christ for a waiting world.

Children of God, hear these three little words

You are forgiven

In the name of God who creates, Jesus who saves and the Holy Spirit who guides us. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Baptized in Water WOV 693

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God throughout these forty days, you invite us to hear from you three little words at a time. As we reflect on all you say to us through the Holy Scriptures, keep our ears and our hearts open to the message you need us to hear. Make us ready to receive it and believe it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song [Psallos - Run Like Heaven \(Hebrews 12:1-17\) \[Lyric Video\]](#)

Welcome the Word

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of [b] the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners,[c] so that you may not grow weary in your souls or lose heart.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Borning Cry WOV 770

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off. To find where demons dwell.
When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living God to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, **Receive our prayer**

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Offering Prayer

God of life, all that we have belongs to you. We place these gifts on the altar in thanksgiving for the ways you faithfully care for us. May they bless your world. Ready us now to receive Christ's presence at your never-ending feast. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Consecration

As we gather in the sanctuary to worship, Jesus invites us closer still, to this holy table where we receive the bread and the cup, a sacred meal he first shared with his followers just hours before he would go to the cross. On that night, Jesus took bread, broke it, gave thanks and said take and eat, this is my body given for you, do this in remembrance of me. Again after supper Jesus took the cup, gave

thanks and said, take and drink, all of you. This is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. As we recall the three little words; take and eat, take and drink, which Jesus first spoke, send your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup now so it might become Christ's body and blood for all who eat and drink of it. Hear us now as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

The table is set. Dinner is ready.

Hear these three little words as your invitation to Christ's table:

All are welcome

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks O God, for feeding us once again at Christ's table. May we continue to hunger only for justice and peace as we wait for Christ's resurrection and the new life it will surely bring. In Jesus' name we hope and pray. Amen.

Announcements and Blessing

Sending Hymn Children of the Heavenly Father LBW 474

Children of the heav'nly Father, Safely in His bosom gather
Nestling bird or star in Heaven, Such a refuge e'er was given
God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish
from all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord, His children sever
Unto them His grace He showeth and their sorrows all He knoweth
Though He giveth or He taketh God His children ne'er forsaketh
His, the loving purpose solely to preserve them, pure and holy

Dismissal Before you go in peace turn to someone and say these three little words: **Jesus loves you**