

Lenten Evening Worship/Study Service
St. Paul's UCC in Robesonia † Zion UCC in Womelsdorf
Wednesday, March 18, 2020
Half Truths
"God Won't Give You More than You Can Handle"
by Adam Hamilton

Gathering, Welcome, & Announcements:

Words of Welcome:

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**People: The light shines in the deepest night,
and the night cannot overcome it.**

Leader: Stay with us now, for it is evening,

People: and the day is almost over.

Leader: Let your light disperse the shadows

People: and shine within us here.

Opening Sentence:

Leader: O God, come to my aid.

People: Hear my voice when I cry to you.

Doxology:

Leader: Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall forever be. Amen.

Music: **"Rescue"** by Lauren Daigle

(Music Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYR0xP1j4PY>)

Scripture: [1 Corinthians 10:13](#)
[Psalm 46:1-2](#)

Opening Prayer (by Adam Hamilton):

Faithful God, we give thanks for your presence in our good times and our bad times. Guide us as we explore more deeply your nature and your enduring love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, who knew what it is to be human. Amen.

Tonight's Theme: Chapter 3: *God Won't Give You More than You Can Handle*

Video

Discussion (See the document shared by the Rev. Mary Etta Mest)

Closing Prayer (by Adam Hamilton):

God, thank you for grace. Thank you for the many times you have helped us when we did not deserve it. (*You may wish to name some times here*).

Thank you for your love. Thank you for your forgiveness. Thank you for the meaning you bring to our lives. Thank you for rescuing us. (*You may wish to name some specific thank you's here*).

O God, how grateful we are for the way you walk with us in every moment of our lives. In those moments when we're tempted and tested, help us remember that we can resist and that you make a way out of temptation. You give us the strength we need when we turn to you. Lead us, not into temptation as we would go, but in your path and away from evil.

When we walk through difficulty and adversity, help us remember that these burdens did not come from you, but that you have said you would help us bear them. Thank you for people who come along our path and help carry us through those challenging times. Help us have eyes to see those around us who need your help — and to see how we might be instruments of your help for them. How grateful we are, O God, that you are our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in times of trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even when our world seems to be falling apart.

Please use us, Lord, as your instrument to help others who are in need. We offer ourselves to you in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

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,

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Parting Blessing:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: O Jesus, Sun of Salvation, shine in our inmost beings this night; be the lamp to our way, and our beacon of hope. We pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: May God bless us and protect us.

People: May God bring us to everlasting light.

ALL: Amen.

*The liturgy and prayers are from the "Evening Prayer" in the *New Century Hymnal of the United Church of Christ*; 1995; Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press; and from *Half Truths Leader Guide* by Adam Hamilton; 2016; Nashville: Abingdon Press.

Rescue

performed by Lauren Daigle

You are not hidden
There's never been a moment
You were forgotten
You are not hopeless
Though you have been broken
Your innocence stolen

I hear you whisper underneath your breath
I hear your SOS, your SOS

I will send out an army to find you
In the middle of the darkest night
It's true, I will rescue you

There is no distance
That cannot be covered
Over and over
You're not defenseless
I'll be your shelter
I'll be your armor

I hear you whisper underneath your breath
I hear your SOS, your SOS

I will send out an army to find you
In the middle of the darkest night
It's true, I will rescue you
I will never stop marching to reach you
In the middle of the hardest fight
It's true, I will rescue you

I hear the whisper underneath your breath
I hear you whisper, you have nothing left

I will send out an army to find you
In the middle of the darkest night
It's true, I will rescue you
I will never stop marching to reach you
In the middle of the hardest fight
It's true, I will rescue you

Oh, I will rescue you

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