

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI
Worship Music and Bible Reading – 8/7/2022

Standing on the Promises

**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.**

**Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Saviour;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.**

**Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Saviour;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.**

**Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Saviour;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.**

**Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Saviour;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

11 Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. ² Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.

³ **By faith** we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.

⁴ It was **by faith** that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith.

⁵ It was **by faith** that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying—"he disappeared, because God took him." For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God. ⁶ And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

⁷ It was **by faith** that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸ It was **by faith** that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. ⁹ And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there **by faith**—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. ¹⁰ Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.

¹¹ It was **by faith** that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise. ¹² And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them.

¹³ All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. ¹⁴ Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. ¹⁵ If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. ¹⁶ But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

New Living Translation (NLT)

Song of Thanksgiving

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 give thanks to the Holy One,
 give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. (Repeat)**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong".
 let the poor say, "I am rich
 because of what the Lord has done for us." (Repeat)**

**Give thanks! Give thanks!
 Repeat**

We Walk By Faith

**We walk by faith and not by sight
 No gracious words we hear
 Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke
 Yet we believe Him near**

**We may not touch His hands and side
 Or follow where He trod
 Yet in His promise we rejoice
 And cry "My Lord and God"**

**Help then, oh Lord, our unbelief
 And may our faith abound
 To call on you when you are near
 And seek where you are found**

**That when our life of faith is done
 In realms of clearer light
 We may behold you as you are
 In full and endless sight**

**We walk and not by sight
 No gracious words we hear
 Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke
 Yet we believe Him near**