

Contemporary Order of Worship
 June 23, 2024
 Worship Series: Epic Tales
 Message: Daniel and the Lion's Den

Gathering *These Hands,* Praise Band
 Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies), Praise Band

Welcome and Announcements Sarah Chambers

Centering Moment

Daniel believed in the power of God, and was determined that nothing was going to stop him from following, trusting, and doing as God had asked. How are we being beckoned by God to respond to the needs around us, and how far are we willing to go as we trust God to deliver us?

*Centering Song *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Praise Band

*Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray

**People: O God, our refuge and our strength,
 We bring to You hearts of worship.
 When we pray, You hear us.
 When we feel uplifted, You are with us.
 When our hearts are heavy, You never leave us.
 We bring all we are, and all we have, as we lift our worship to You.
 AMEN.**

Children's Moment

Linda Biscardo

Prayers of People

Peggy Owusu-Ansah

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.**

Offering Song

Lord, I Need You,

Praise Band

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Peggy Owusu-Ansah

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 6:10-17

Dan Upp

Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. Those men watched and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, "O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to any god or human, within thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the den of lions?" The king answered, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." Then they responded to the king, "Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day."

When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed."

Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!" A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet ring of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.

Message	<i>Epic Tales: Daniel and the Lion's Den</i>	Sarah Chambers
*Closing Song	<i>Everlasting God,</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		Sarah Chambers
Postlude	<i>Everlasting God (Reprise)</i>	Praise Band