

UNSTOPPABLE

IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE | JULY 18, 2021



ONLINE WORSHIP GUIDE

Sunday, July 18

Esther

Unstoppable in the Face of Injustice

Chimes

Prelude:

Here I Am, Lord
Rashaad Calaham, oboe
Jeremy Wayne, piano

Call to Worship

Cathedral of Hope, we gather today to worship our God:

*It is by God's grace that we come together, and it is by God's grace
that our lives are changed.*

*We call on God to be with us as we commit to being more faithful in
our efforts to fight injustice in our world.*

*So let us give all the glory to God as we rise in body and spirit and lift our
voices to the God of grace.*

****Processional Hymn:** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil 'round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss the Savior's goal,
lest we miss the Savior's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to worship at Cathedral of Hope.

Our faith is rooted in the story of Jesus. Throughout his life, Jesus was unstoppable. He even defied persecution and death to bring each of us new life. But Jesus is not the only one whose faith made him unstoppable. Throughout the month of July, we are going to explore some of the unstoppable ancestors of our faith so that, when things get tough, we can have the courage of our convictions.

Today we examine the story of Queen Esther and the personal risks she took in order to save her community as we discover the ways our faith can make us "Unstoppable in the Face of Injustice."

Gradual

When You Speak to Me

Choir:

When you speak to me, when I take the time to listen
there is peace to cover any pain.
When you speak to me, when you place your word inside me
I am filled and I am strong again.
There is an answer to every question: the answer is you.

ALL:

And the heavens open when you speak to me,
Pouring light into my waiting heart;
and the music fills an ocean silently, quietly,
when you speak to me.

**And the heavens open when you speak to me,
Pouring light into my waiting heart;

and the music fills an ocean silently, quietly,
when you speak to me; when you speak to me.

****Hebrew Lesson**

Esther

Esther 4:10-17

Our Hebrew Lesson today is from the fourth chapter of the Book of Esther. Hear these words:

Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, “All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days.”

When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.”

Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, “Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.” Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

One: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If you find yourself experiencing illness, hospitalization, grief, or other critical challenges, the Congregational Care Ministry (CCM) at Cathedral of Hope will connect you with the appropriate resources that best correspond to your needs.

The CCM can be reached by
Phone (214) 351-1901 Ext. 124
Email at CCMCOH@gmail.com

****Response**

When You Speak to Me

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Sermon Series Video Bumper

Prayer and Video Introduction

Video Testimony

Unstoppable

Susie Hess

Sermon

Unstoppable in the Face of Injustice

Offering Call

Offertory

Sanctuary with Take My Life
Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Communion

Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration

Music during Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Creator/Our Father/Our Mother
which 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. Amen.

****Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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****Recessional**

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

****Benediction**

Postlude for Dismissal

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OUR GIVING			
Week Ending	Amount Received	Budget	Over (Under) Budget
06/27/21	\$19,201	\$25,000	(\$5,799)
07/04/21	\$43,086	\$46,000	(\$2,914)
07/11/21	\$27,879	\$33,000	(\$5,121)
YTD 2021	\$976,542	\$946,000	\$30,542

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