

Rise Up and Stand Firm

I love Psalms 20:7 that says, “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.” I have a modernized version of that that I think fits our times. Here it is, “Some trust in Donkeys, the mascot of the Democratic party, and some trust in Elephants, the mascot of the Republican party, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.” On this Sunday after the long election process that we have gone through I thought it would be good to be reminded who we as Christians are to put our ultimate hope in, the Lord.

Elections come and go. Some years your candidate wins and some years yours loses. We have people here who are thrilled with the results and others who are sadly disappointed. We are here this morning not because we are Democrats, Republicans or Independents. We are here because of our common belief and commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. It is said that at the foot of the cross the ground is level. Democrats, Republicans and Independents are all welcome to come and worship him.

While Wednesday morning brought us a new president and other elected leaders the vision of this church remained what it has always been. State your vision. Nothing about our vision changes. Today just like before the election people need the healing touch of Jesus and God has called us to be his hands and feet to this world of need. Whether a Democrat or Republican is in the White House we remain committed to this vision that God has given us.

Every week you give generously so that we might be able to fulfill our vision. Your gifts allow us to do all that we do for the Kingdom. Without you we cannot accomplish what we do. Now more than ever our world needs the healing message of Jesus and He has called us to do our part. Politicians and even political parties come and go but God remains steadfast. In fact the next verse of Psalms 20 that I read says, “They are brought to their knees and fall, but **we rise up and stand firm!**”

Today after the election I want to say to you that our work is not done. Our vision still burns brightly within us. Now is the time to rise up and stand firm. Your generous gift today helps fuel our vision to help bring life and light to the darkness of our world. Let’s show our trust in the Lord by giving a worthy offering to Him.