

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 22nd, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

- PRELUDE
- WELCOME
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- PRAYER REQUESTS

*For sections with an *, please stand as you are able*

***LAMENT IN A TIME OF TRAGEDY**

L: With Job of old we cry out:
 Everywhere the innocent suffer.
 Our desires and efforts achieve us little.
 O God, are you good, yet do nothing to help us?
 Our answers have holes, and we fall through.

For what do we lament?
 For what do we come before God this day and cry out?
 For what do we confess?

You are invited to voice public laments aloud or in silence.

L: Hear us, O God.
All: Hear us, O God.

L: Show yourself, O God.
All: Show yourself, O God.

L: Give us life:
All: Give us life.

A brief moment of silence is kept.

L: Here these words; receive their power:
 The majesty of God the Father undergirds all that is.
 The mercy of God the Son accepts our despair.
 The comfort of God the Holy Spirit embraces us in communities of care.

L: Thanks be to God.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

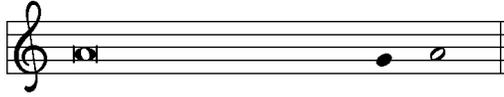
***OPENING HYMN: Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

***GREETING**

L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

***KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



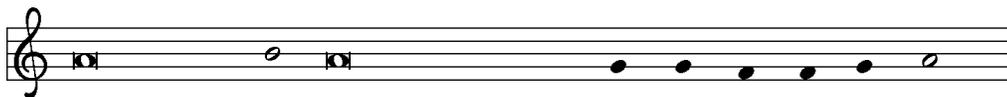
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



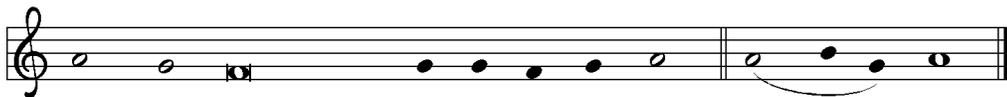
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope.

Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance.

Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance.

Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination.

Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams.

All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

L: ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 67

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (Ps. 67:4)

L: ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

ALL:² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

L: ³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

ALL: ⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

L: ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

ALL: ⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

L: ⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

L: ¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: John 14:23-29**

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: ²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

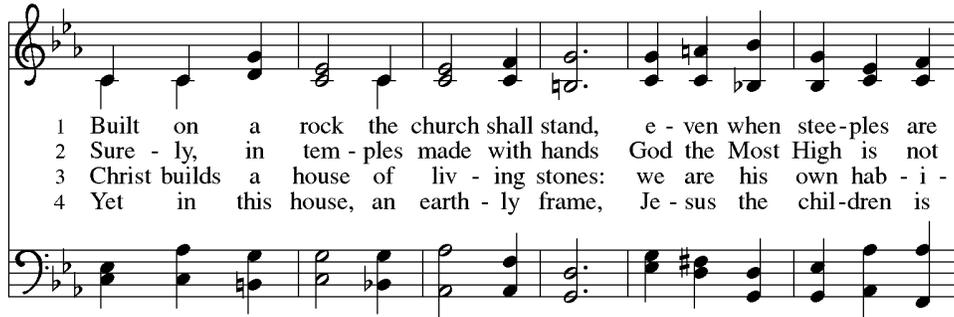
L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

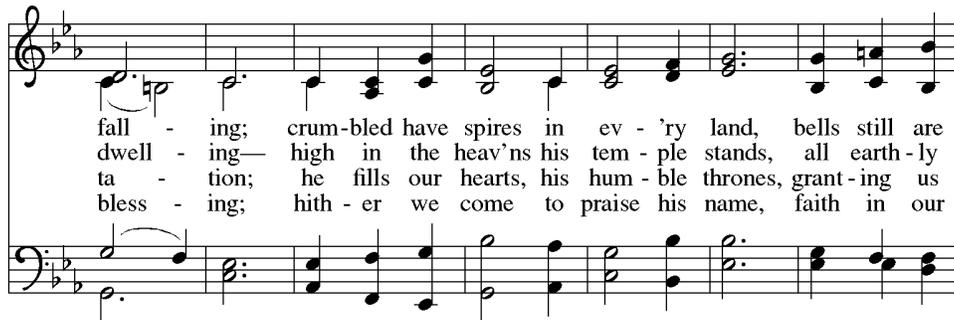
SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

***HYMN OF THE DAY: Built on a Rock**

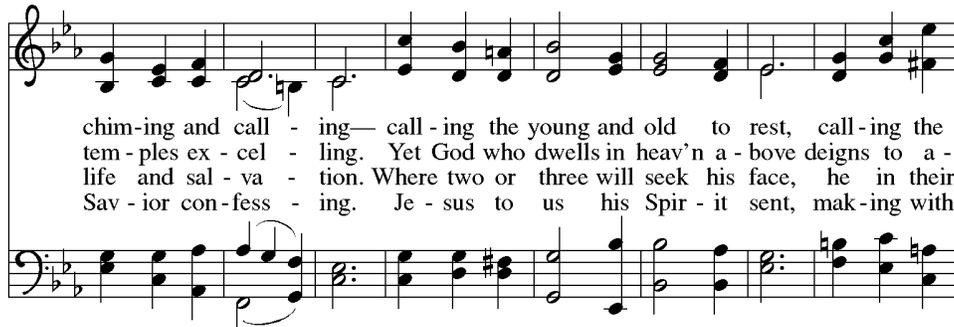
Built on a Rock



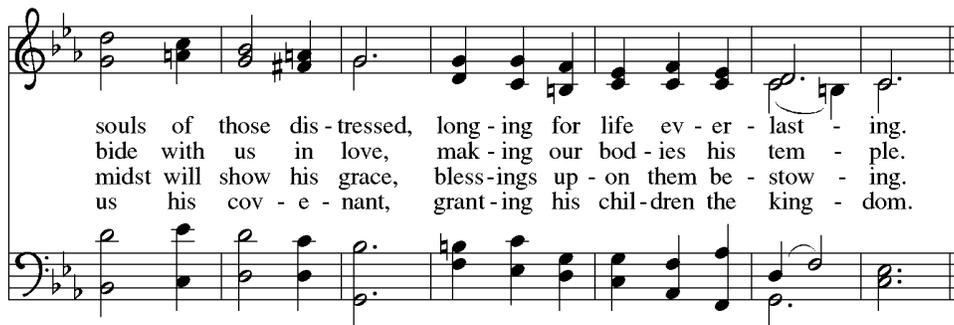
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
 grant that, when church bells are ringing,
 many may come to hear your Word,
 who here this promise is bringing:
 "I know my own, my own know me;
 you, not the world, my face shall see;
 my peace I leave with you. Amen."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
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APOSTLE'S CREED

L: Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together using the words of the Apostles' Creed...

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

God our deliverer, your Son's birth still shakes the foundations of our world. May we so wait for your coming again with eagerness and hope that we embrace without terror the labor pangs of the new age.

L: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Christ our victim, whose beauty disfigured and whose body torn upon the cross; open wide your arms to embrace our tortured world, especially the victims who were injured and for the families who mourn the deaths of the many who were killed in Buffalo, that we may not turn away our eyes, but abandon ourselves to your mercy.

L: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God whose Holy name defies our definition, but whose will is known in freeing the oppressed, make us to be one with all who cry for justice; that we who speak your praise may struggle for your truth.

L: Lord in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

L: O God our disturber, whose speech is pregnant with power and whose word will be fulfilled; may we know ourselves unsatisfied with all that distorts your truth, and make our hearts attentive to your liberating voice.

L: Lord in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

L: O God our healer, we pray for those in our community who are in distress of mind, body or Spirit, especially those who we name before you:

We include names of those on our prayer list.

Hold them all in your care.

L: Lord in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

L: O God who brought us to birth, and in whose arms we die, we give thanks for those saints who moved, and breathed, and had their being among us and now find rest in you. We especially remember loved ones who have recently died, and those who died in the tragic shooting in Buffalo.

L: Lord in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

L: O God who hears our laments, our longings and our thoughts even when we don't have the words to express them, be with us now as we lift up these things to you in a minute of silent prayer...

You are invited to take this minute to lift up your prayers and thoughts to God.

L: Lord, in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

L: O God you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go

out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

**Please greet one another creatively – being mindful of physical distancing, with a sign of Christ’s peace from where you are seated.*

CHOIR ANTHEM: Surely Goodness & Mercy With accompaniment from Julie Conschafter

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the worship space. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

L: Living God,

ALL: you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together

in your peaceable reign,

and you welcome us all at your table.

Reach out to us through this meal,

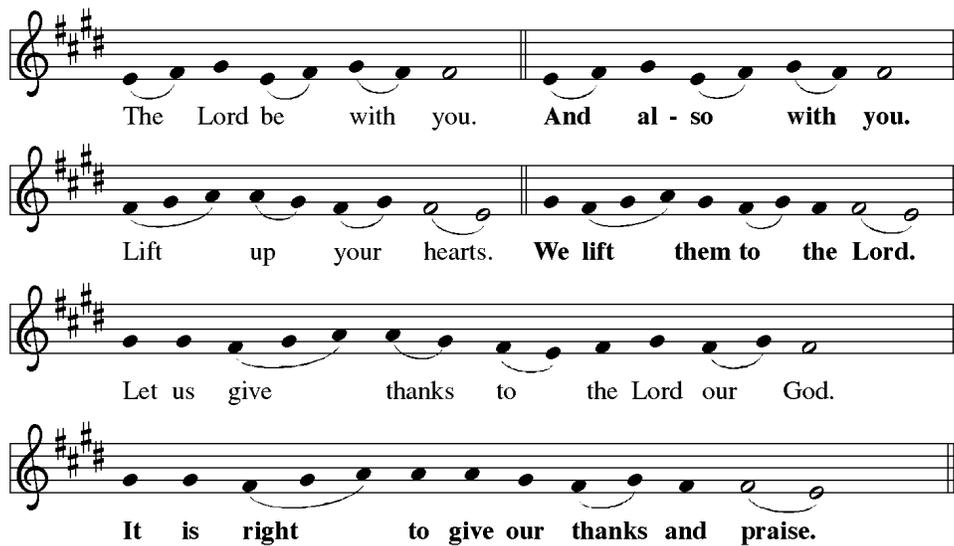
and show us your wounded and risen body,

that we may be nourished and believe

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

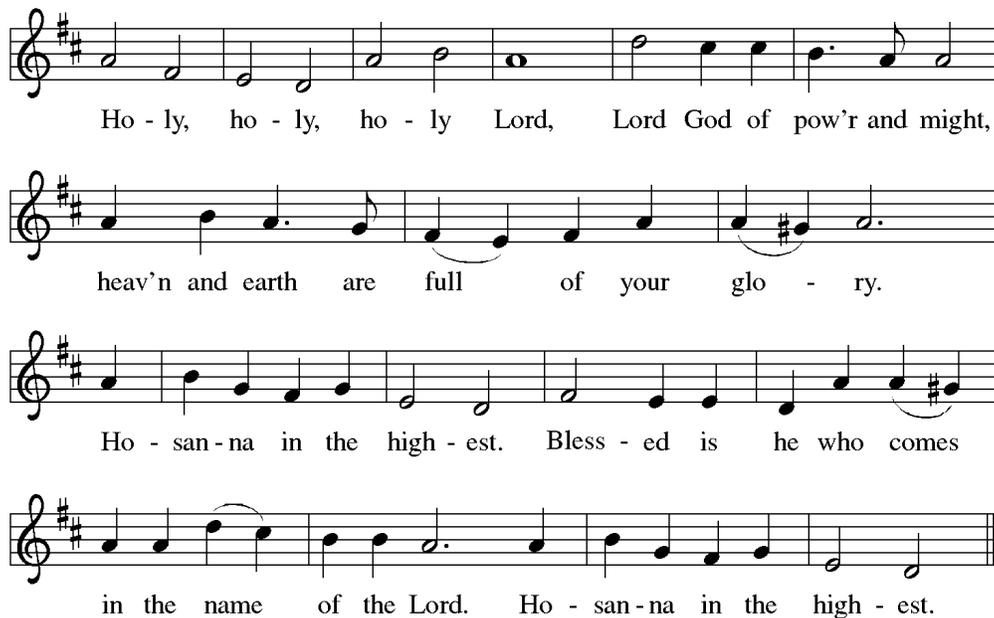
Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

L: In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

ALL: 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 and ever.

Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: The risen Christ dwells with us here.

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: When Peace, Like A River

To be sung during the distribution of communion

When Peace, like a River

1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O, my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
it is well with my soul,

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in God's grace, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L: We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

ALL: Amen.

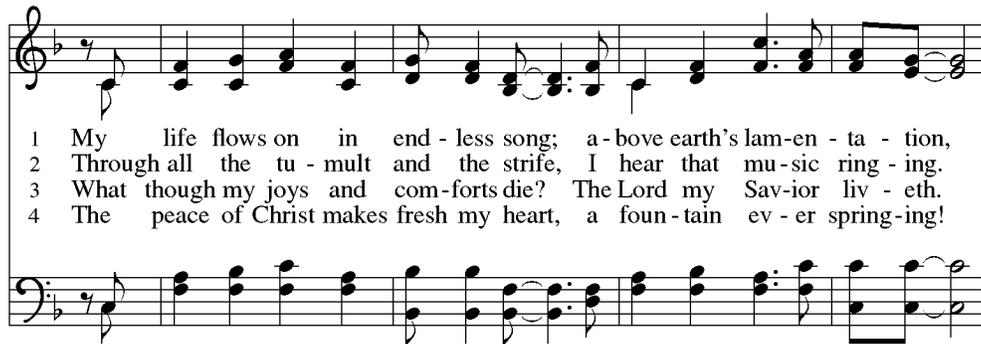
***BLESSING**

L: May God give you grace never to sell yourself short,
grace to risk something big for something good,
and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous
for anything but truth and too small for anything but love.
The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit
be with us now and remain with us this day and always.

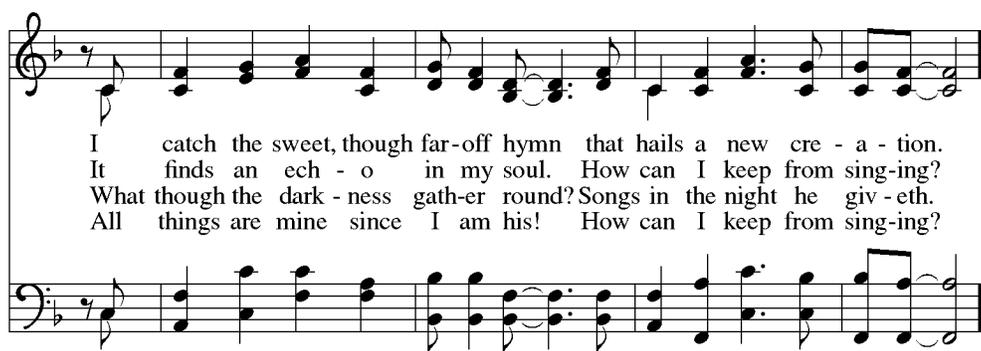
ALL: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: My Life Flows on in Endless Song**

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

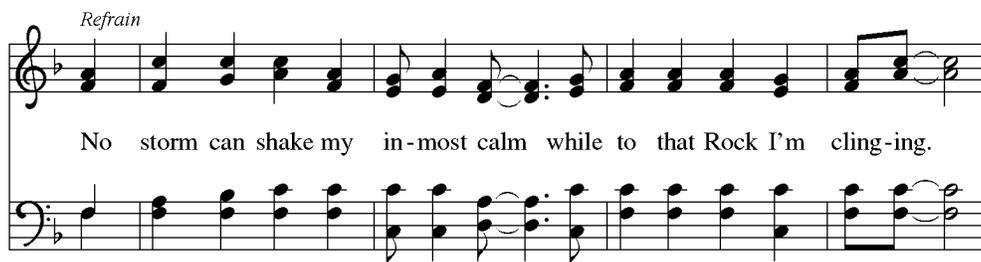


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

***DISMISSAL**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Office hours

Pastor Rick: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tracy: Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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*God's love is powerful...powerful enough to wade through our doubts, fears, and challenges.
And, God's love is for YOU and ALL!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for:

- *The family and friends of the victims of the mass shooting in Buffalo*
- *The family and friends of Jerry Zak*
- *The family & friends of Liz Berger*
- *Prayers for David Finger on his 61st birthday for his comfort & strength*
- *Strength and healing for:*
 - *Vi Savage – healing*
 - *Jim Kidder - recovery*
 - *Eileen Kittel -undergoing chemo*



Counters: May: Jennifer June: Mary Lou July: Donna

Bible Study on Revelation

Join us Wednesday evenings, from 6:30-7:30, as we dig into the book of Revelation! It will continue through June 8th.

Adult Forum

Our last Adult Forum this Spring is **TODAY** following worship. We will be talking about ideas and plans for Adult Forums for the next school year and we would love your feedback. All are welcome - the coffee will be on!

Summer Campfires Are Back!

We'll gather on select **Wednesday evenings** from **7-8:30 pm** for great conversation, devotions, snacks and more around the campfire outdoors at church. Dress for the weather, bring your own lawn chair, bug spray and a snack or drink to share. Rain on a date would cancel that date.

2022 Campfire dates:

June 15th,

July 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th;

August 17th, 24th & 31st

New Campfire Pit needed: Donation funds are needed to contribute towards the purchase of a new metal campfire pit for our Summer Campfires. See Pastor Rick by June 1st to donate.

New! Little Food Pantry at Trinity

A little food pantry box has been installed in the church parking lot, located next to the paper and clothing collection bins. This is a project headed by Audrey Smith for her Gold Award project in Girl Scouts.

The box is free for anyone to use 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Anyone can take items they immediately need, and anyone can also donate items to share. Please refer to a list of suggested items to donate that's posted on the box. Anyone wishing to make larger donations or monetary donations can still drop them in the pantry donation bin next to the church door, or please call or text (716) 913-9882.

At the end of worship on Sunday, June 5th, we will process out to the Little Food Pantry to give thanks for and bless the pantry and those that will use and donate to it.

Sidewalk Sale – donations & volunteers needed

Throughout the month of May we will be collecting **items (valued at at least \$1.00)** in a box in the Youth Room. They will be organized into boxes on Friday June 17th, and sold at the sidewalk sale at 9 am June 18th.

Volunteers are also needed to set up tables and man the station on the day of in 2 hour shifts. A sign-up sheet is available or please see Donna.

We are also asking for **old newspapers** to wrap the boxes in – especially the sports and comic sections. We also need **boxes** – small to medium sized, like a shoe box or small amazon box. Please consider sharing in the fun!

Food Pantry

The food pantry is on their last drive of the year and is busy stocking up. Please consider donating either monetarily or with non-expired food donations.

Choir Rehearsals

Choir is meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome! There will also be

rehearsal before worship at 8:30am on June 5th and June 12th.