

Words for Worship

May 2, 2021

(Our 10:30 a.m. service is live-streamed on our website)



CONFESSION & OPENING PRAYER

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Alleluia! He is risen indeed.

P: Rejoicing in the resurrection, let us seek God's forgiveness, that dying to sin, we may walk in the newness of life.

C: Gracious Lord, we confess our sin, doubt, and unfaithful living. Raise us once more by Your word of forgiveness and grace. Restore to us the joy and courage of Your salvation. Amen.

P: In great mercy, God has given you new birth into a living hope through Jesus. In the wonder of the resurrection, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray.

C: Living Lord, this life that You have given us is such a gift. Yet it is hard as well. When the storms of life come, help us to not lose our faith in You. Be our rock, our refuge, our shelter. Your Word is full of promises that You are with us always. Help us to cling to those promises. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

#596, verses 1 & 2

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

SCRIPTURE

Lector: Cindy Sleeman (10:30 a.m.)

Psalm 18:1,2

¹I love you, O Lord, my strength. ²The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

2 Corinthians 4:1,7-9

¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

Matthew 6:34

³⁴"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

SONG

My Lighthouse

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Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

Bridge

Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Trustworthy Lord, You have abundantly entrusted us with all we need not only to live but to share. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us. Accept these our offerings by which Your good work is done here among us and out in the world of need. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray using the response, “Hear our prayer.”

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts so that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy meal.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

BENEDICTION

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

*When Peace like a River
It Is Well with My Soul*

#785, verses 1 & 2

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

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

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed His own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

POSTLUDE

Drive up Communion is available in our parking lot from 11:30 – 11:50 a.m. this Sunday morning