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Sunday, June 23, 2024 10:00AM Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Adagio from *Gothic Symphony*

Ch. M. Widor

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.
Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)
Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

Children are excused to Sunday School after the Passing of the Peace.

*Please stand as you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Mark 4:35-41)

When the storms of life arise

and the waves threaten to overturn the boat of our faith,
remember the power of our Savior
to calm, to still, to establish peace.

Gospel Praise

Something's Got a Hold on Me Gospel Choir

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you are always perfect and holy even when we are not. Lord, you are always gracious and loving even when we are not. Forgive us for our faults; both seen and unseen. Be gracious and merciful to us. Help us when we fall and guide us on your path of peace and righteousness from now until eternity. Lord, we do not

trust in our own works and merit but we trust in your faithfulness and mercy. Fill our hearts with your peace, our minds with your holiness, and our hands and feet with your justice so that we might be busy about your work in our world. Amen.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you!

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

Response AAHH #321

Spirit Song

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you, with His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove,
Will descend upon your life, and make you whole.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Job 38:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Bill Cutter

Chancel Choir

Second Reading

Mark 4:35-41

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel

from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*Hymn GTG #840

When Peace Like a River

Call to Offering

If you would like to make an offering online, scan the QR code located in the Westminster News section of today's bulletin.

Invitation to Offering

Dale Wood

*Doxology GTG #606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

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 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.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn AAHH #400

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Benediction

Postlude

Caprice from Suite No. 2

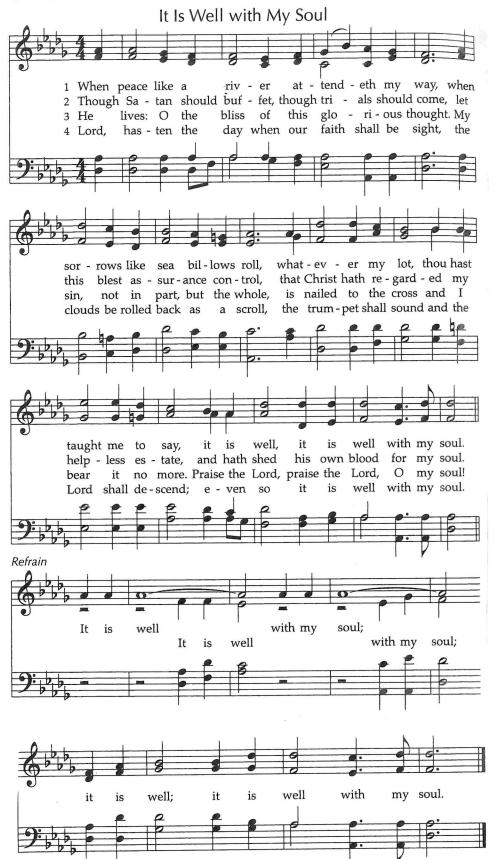
L. N. Clerambault

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshiping.

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director Sean Neall, Liturgist

When Peace like a River



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A scribe then approached and said, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

Matthew 8:19

