



'Be still!' This is not a stillness of mauves and quiet music. This is a stillness of snapping to attention, of hyper attentiveness, of dropping whatever is in your hands or distracting you and attending carefully to God's word.

May we realize that we may not all be in the same boat, but we're in the same storm. We are in this together and there's room enough for everyone's experience.

May we take time to go outside and let nature heal us. To let God's creation remind us of the rhythms and cycles of life.

May we choose to live with both/and.
Remembering that we can feel both gratitude and grief, anger and joy, sadness and happiness. We can have a day that is good and then one that's not so good. Everything belongs.

May we go throughout the day with open hands. Receiving the love, blessings, and lessons that are there for us to accept.

May we know and trust the peace that surpasses all understanding.

May we seek each day to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and love our neighbor or family or roommates as ourselves even if they're driving us crazy.

May we extend acceptance and compassion to others remembering that everyone is trying to do the best they can and extend that same acceptance and compassion to ourselves.

May we remember that Jesus said to love our neighbor as ourself, not in spite of ourselves and that we can practice radical love and hospitality to our own selves right now too. Listening to our bodies, taking deep breaths, and getting quiet enough to hear that still, small, voice.

May you remember that you are loved. That you are a child of God. That you have everything you need and that God is with you.

Written by Abby Buter

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

Be still, and know that I am God! — Psalm 46:10

GARDEN CLUB FOR CHILDREN

(parents may drop their children, ages 3 to grade 5, at the garden upon arrival to outdoor worship.)

GATHERING

PRELUDE Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

Jean Sibelius

adapt. Jane Laurie Borthwick

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide. In ev'ry change He faithful will remain. Be still my soul thy best thy heav'nly friend Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake.
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

In You I rest; in You I found my hope. In You I trust; You never let me go. I place my life within Your hands alone Be still, my soul.

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on When we shall be forever with the Lord. When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, Love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past;

All safe and blessed we shall meet at last,

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL CONCERNS

OUR FAITH IN ACTION Pilgrimage to Egypt Ruth Reading

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

And his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;

His steadfast love endures forever, And his faithfulness to all generations.

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing; Our helper he, amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe Does seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing, Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing. You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name, From age to age the same; And he must win the battle.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever!

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

adapted from Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning.

Silence is held.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord, Have mercy.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

And with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem us from all our iniquities.

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 46

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SOLO Be Still and Know

Hannah Kerr

When your heart is anything but quiet, And peace feels a million miles away,

When the world is heavy on your shoulders,

And you don't know the path that you should take.

When you cry out to the Lord, And your broken voice is weak. When you can't stand anymore, He'll meet you on your knees.

Be still and know

You don't have to worry.

Be still and know

He'll find you where you are.

He is good,

His love will never let you go.

Trust him.

Be still and know.

His plan is for the good of all who love him.

His word is a promise you can hold.

So, cry out to the Lord,

He is strong when you are weak.

Find rest and be restored,

He is all you need.

Chantel Woodard, soloist

SENDING

* HYMN My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand...

His oath, his covenant, his blood, Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand...

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Phil Kelly, piano; Chuck Newsome, guitar

CARILLON RECITAL Joanna Stroz, Copenhagen, DK

Carillon programs are available from the ushers or in literature racks.

Garden worshippers are encouraged to drop off donations in the baskets located at the Celtic Cross near the exit as you depart.

Please see notes on page 11.

WORSHIP NOTES

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

Be still, and know that I am God! — Psalm 46:10

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARY Toccata per l'Elevazione Girolamo Frescobaldi

* Please rise in body or spirit at the ringing of the tower bell.

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* INTROIT Finlandia

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* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

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* KYRIE ELEISON Lord, have mercy upon us. William Smith

Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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* GLORIA PATRI Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

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and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR FAITH IN ACTION Pilgrimage to Egypt Ruth Reading

PRAYER

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER Be Still and Know That I Am God

John L. Bell

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Amen.

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 329 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength (Psalm 46) Winchester Old

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings, whether made in the worship service or outside of it, are part of our worship of God and are used to support the Kirk's ministry.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SOLO Guide My Feet Jacqueline B. Hairston

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race. Guide my feet while I run this race. Guide my feet while I run this race. For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Hold me Hand, Lord, while I run this race... Stan' by me, Lord, while I run this race... Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race...

Chantel Woodard, mezzo-soprano

* DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Old Hundredth

WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION St. Flavian

Almighty God, your Word is cast

like seed into the ground;

now let the dew of heav'n descend and righteous fruits abound.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 46 (*Pew Bible, OT. page 517*)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON Psalms for the Summer: Psalm 46 Rev. Kelsey Sorge

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 353 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less Solid Rock

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Seated)

CHORAL AMEN Peter Lutkin

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Fugue on the "Kyrie" François Couperin

CARILLON RECITAL Joanna Stroz, Copenhagen, DK

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Worship/Music Notes

In today's Psalms for the Summer, we are focusing on Psalm 46. In the Garden service, we open with the prelude *Be Still, My Soul (In You I Rest)*, a contemporary arrangement of Jean Sibelius' Finlandia tune and text with additional words by Kari Jobe. Our opening hymn is Martin Luther's most famous, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, which is based on Psalm 46. This hymn is often referred to as "the battle hymn" of the Reformation for its wide use by Protestants in conflict during that time; and it is a source of assurance that when we do battle with evil forces within and without, God is our fortress to hide us and protect us, and the Word that endures forever will fight for us.

As we focus on what it means God's promise of protection and power, the soloist sings a reminder to "cry out to Lord, He is strong when you are weak." Our final hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*, is again one of assurance in the Rock Christ Jesus, on whom all our hope is built as the foundation and cornerstone of our faith.

In the sanctuary, we open with a stanza from Jean Sibelius' beloved hymn *Be Still, My Soul*, before singing our opening hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. The Choral Call to Prayer is a simple setting of Psalm 46:10 by John Bell, giving a meditative quality to these comforting words, which is then followed by a complete setting of the Psalm in *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*. The soloist then sings *Guide My Feet*, arranged by Jacqueline Hairston, a song of assurance in the promise of God as our rock, guide, and helper.

Stephen Ministers are available for personal, confidential prayer in Melrose Chapel (to the left, when facing forward in the sanctuary) immediately following service each Sunday. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer please contact Nancy Lau at 248-835-6691.

Tour Kirk in the Hills each Sunday! Those interested in a brief tour are asked to meet in the Baptistry, to the right of the Chancel, after the 11:00 a.m. service. See an usher for direction or further details.

Join us for coffee and fellowship on the patio after the 9:00 a.m. worship service!

A garden memorial is presented to the glory of God in loving memory of June Alexis Jacobson by her husband, Al, and her children, James, Mark and Jennifer

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