



August 9, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude..... Joan Hill, organ
"It Is Well with My Soul" ...arr. Eleanor Whitsett

Call to Worship..... John Uldrick

When the wind is strong and the waves are high, remember the words of Jesus:

Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

When our dreams come to nothing, and we wonder what lies ahead, remember the words of Jesus:

Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

When those we love disappoint us, or hurt us deeply, remember the words of Jesus:

Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

When we begin to question God's call, or doubt God's love, remember the words of Jesus:

Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

When we've lost all hope, and don't know where to turn, remember the words of Jesus:

Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

When our faith is stretched to the breaking point, remember the words of Jesus:

Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

You are the Lord, our God, the Holy One of Israel, our Savior.

May You be pleased with the worship we offer you today. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 425..... "How Firm A Foundation"

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

Prayer of Confession..... Tamara Tillman Smathers

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness..... Keith Reaves, piano
"Be Not Afraid"Craig Courtney/arranged for piano by Dan Forrest

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you. Be not afraid: I have called you by name. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you; when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed; you are mine; you are precious in my sight. —Isaiah 43:1-4

Together We Connect. Bert and Anne Vaughn

Reading of Holy Scripture. Matthew 14:22-33

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Petition No. 14 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep, And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power! Our brethren's shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Morning Prayer (with The Lord's Prayer) Kristen Pope

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.

Special Music. Mary Donahue

"Let Your Faith Be Stronger than Your Fear"... Tom Trenney
*Do not be afraid, I go before you. Do not be afraid, I am by your side.
Be still and know that I am with you. Let your faith be stronger than your fear.*

Sermon. Matt DuVall

"Do Not Be Afraid"

Hymn of Response "Standing on the Promises"

Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

*Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Pastoral Blessing

Postlude Joan Hill, organ

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"... arr. Michael Burkhardt

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by Patricia Self and Family.*