

Have No Fear

Were it not for God's love, life would be barren.
Were it not for moments of prayer, we would stumble
and not get up.
Were it not for God's goodness, our lives would perish.
Were it not for God's mercy, our sins would destroy us.
Were it not for God's abiding presence, we would grope
in the darkness.
Were it not for God, life would be too much for us. But
with God we live our days in confidence and face the
unexpected in trust.
With God life's care cannot stagger us.
With God life's sorrows mellow our spirits and deepen
our understanding.
With God life's disappointments become new
opportunities.
With God life's dangers are faced with courage.
With God life's mysteries hold no fear.
When we keep our eyes fixed on the hope of Christ,
rather than on the windswept waves of despair, our days
are filled to overflowing with joy.

- *W. Wallace Fridy*

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*"...if we walk in the light, as He is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another..."*
I John I: 7

GROOME CHURCH
July, 18, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Reverend, Dr. S. Willard Crossan, III
Worship Leader. Yvonne Martz

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AND REFLECTION

Organ Prelude

Parish Calendar and Greeting

Dr. Crossan

Call to Worship

Leader: May those who seek your salvation say continually,
"Great is the Lord!"

People: Yes, our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

People: We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord!

Opening Prayer

* Hymn of Praise "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" 540

Call of Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful God: We confess that we have grievously sinned against you in thought, in word, and in deed. We have come short of your glory; we have broken the unity of your holy church; and we have turned every one of us aside from the way of life. Yet, O most merciful God, you hear us when we call upon you with penitent hearts. Pardon our sins, and grant us your peace. Confirm us in all goodness, that we may serve you with a quiet mind, and bring us to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

The Lord's Prayer

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Leader: O Lord, open our hearts and our minds;

People: that we may behold wonderful things out of your word.

Old Testament Lesson	II Samuel 7:1-14	<i>Yvonne Martz</i>
Epistle Lesson	Ephesians 2:11-22	
* Gospel Lesson	Mark 6:30-34,53-56	
* Affirmation of Faith	"Romans"	887
* Gloria Patri		

PETITIONS, INTERCESSIONS, AND OFFERING

The Collect

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them and are willing to give more than we desire and deserve: Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

-Voicing of our Petitions-

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Words of Presentation

Yvonne Martz

Offering

*The Presentation "Doxology" 95

* Hymn of Preparation "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" 358

Sermon

"The End is Life"

Dr. Crossan

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Dedication "The God of Abraham Praise" 116

* Words of Dedication

Leader: God be in our heads, and in our understanding.

People: God be in our eyes, and in our looking.

Leader: God be in our mouths, and in our speaking.

People: God be in our heart, and in our thinking.

All: God be in our living, and in our departing.

* Benediction

* Benediction Response 'He Is Lord" 177

* Postlude

* *Please Stand*