

- **IN-PERSON 9:30 am** in the Sanctuary
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Please stand as you are able during parts of the service indicated with an asterisk. * | Congregation responses indicated in **bold print**.

Gathering

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

J. Pachelbel

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

*The Lord is my strength and my shield,
my God, in whom I trust.*

Therefore I shall not fear, though the earth should shake and the waves should rise.

The Lord is my strong tower. He is my refuge, and in him I will rest secure.

*Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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1. 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
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2. 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.
Dost 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.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru 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.

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*Prayer of the Day

Mighty God,

you have been our defender from ancient times, and we have never been forsaken.

Through the great trials and the little worries, you have been by our side.

In days of fear and uncertainty,

some would trust in the strength of human arms and human wisdom to come to their aid.

Help us to trust in you,

and to wait patiently for the deliverance you have promised to your children.

In the name of Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

*Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

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Proclamation

Gospel Reading – Matthew 6:25-34 ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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

Sung Response

Be Still My Soul

534, vs 1,2

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

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Psalm 20

¹ The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

² May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion.

³ May he remember all your offerings
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

⁴ May he grant you your heart’s desire
and fulfill all your plans.

⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory
and in the name of our God set up our banners.

May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

⁶ Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.

⁷ Some take pride in chariots and some in horses,
but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.

⁸ They will collapse and fall,
but we shall rise and stand upright.

⁹ Give victory to the king, O LORD;
answer us when we call.

Anthem

Victory in Jesus

(Pastor Tony Tomasino, trumpet / Calista Brunett, piano)

Sermon Text – Judges 7:1-7 Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the troops who were with him rose early and encamped beside the spring of Harod, and the camp of Midian was north of them, below the hill of Moreh, in the valley. ² The LORD said to Gideon, “The troops with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand. Israel would only take the credit away from me, saying, ‘My own hand has delivered me.’” ³ Now, therefore, proclaim this in the hearing of the troops, ‘Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home.’” Thus Gideon sifted them out; twenty-two thousand returned, and ten thousand remained. ⁴ Then the LORD said to Gideon, “The troops are still too many; take them down to the water, and I will sift them out for you there. When I say, ‘This one shall go with you,’ he shall go with you, and when I say, ‘This one shall not go with you,’ he shall not go.” ⁵ So he brought the troops down to the water, and the LORD said to Gideon, “All those who lap the water with their tongues, as a dog laps, you shall put to one side; all those who kneel down to drink, putting their hands to their mouths, you shall put to the other side.” ⁶ The number of those who lapped was three hundred, but all the rest of the troops knelt down to drink water. ⁷ Then the LORD said to Gideon, “With the three hundred who lapped I will deliver you and give the Midianites into your hand. Let all the others go to their homes.”

Response to the Scripture

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

Response

*Hymn of Response

In Christ alone my hope is found:
 he is my light, my strength, my song,
 this cornerstone, this solid ground,
 firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
 My comforter, my all in all,
 here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
 fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness,
 scorned by the ones he came to save.
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
 the wrath of God was satisfied.
 For ev'ry sin on him was laid;
 here in the death of Christ I live.

In Christ Alone

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There in the ground his body lay,
 light of the world by darkness slain;
 then, bursting forth in glorious day,
 up from the grave he rose again!
 And as he stands in victory,
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 for I am his and he is mine,
 bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
 this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
 from life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
 can ever pluck me from his hand;
 'til he returns or calls me home,
 here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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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 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, for ever. Amen.**

Sung Prayer Response

Sweet Hour of Prayer

496, v1

***Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
 and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
 In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
 and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!***

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Offertory and Church Family News and Notes

*We invite you to sign the attendance pads and pass them to others in your pew.
 An offering plate is located at the back of the sanctuary for you to use for your giving.*

***Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; 95
 praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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*Prayer of Dedication

Almighty Lord,

you have demonstrated your ability to use little things to do great works.

**Gideon's little army delivered his people from a tyrant. A little shepherd boy toppled a giant.
 A small band of believers transformed a cruel and cynical empire.**

We acknowledge, Lord, that our gifts are small. Our numbers are few. Our strength is weak.

**But you use the small things of the world to confound the great,
 and the weak things to humble the proud.**

Accept our gifts, Lord, and use them for the glory of your Kingdom.

**Bless them and use them to overthrow tyrants of injustice, to vanquish giants of ignorance,
 and to change realms of darkness into dwellings of love.**

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sending

*Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

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1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

2. Your clear hosannas raise,
and alleluias loud;
whilst answering echoes upward float,
like wreaths of incense cloud.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

3. Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

4. At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their heavenly home,
Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

5. Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

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*Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

M. Burkhardt

*After the pastor and liturgist have recessed and the altar candles are extinguished,
you may stay seated or quietly leave your seats during the postlude.*

Prayer Requests | *Prayers for anyone in need of God's comfort and peace.*

Colleen Fadden, Joyce Potter, Liam Trombly, Cheryl Paul, Lenore Snyder, Al Jagger,
friend of Robin Curtis (health), Jeff Everett

(Please contact the office to add or remove a request from our list.)

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| • Worship | 9:30 am | Sunday, June 14 | In person – Sanctuary and Online |
| • Worship Committee | 1:00 pm | Tuesday, June 16 | In person – Basement Storage Room |
| • Praise Band | 5:15 pm | Tuesday, June 16 | In person – Fellowship Hall |
| • Worship | 9:30 am | Sunday, June 21 | In person – Sanctuary and Online |
| • Worship with breakfast | 11:00 am | Sunday, June 21 | In person – Fellowship Hall |

MISSIONS | The Mission Team's focus in June is Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky.

Another important annual program at Henderson Settlement is their Summer Recreation Program for community children from Kindergarten through High School. During the six-week-long day camp, students receive two meals each day, practice teamwork through sports or games, and participate in devotions. There is also a literacy time each day to aid in their education, and students are also taken on field trips to expand their experiences. Thank you for your support this month for Henderson Settlement.

JOYFUL NOISE! | Thank you for continuing to spread the word about **Joyful Noise! Music Camp**. Encourage **registration by Friday, June 26** for children or youth you know who might be interested. Take some posters and postcards to share with others. Sign up to volunteer if you're **available Monday, July 13-Thursday, July 16 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm**. Your prayers of support are welcome also.

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