

# Welcome to Church of the Master



# Rooted

GROW DEEP. LIVE STRONG.

Sunday, August 23rd, 2020

## Prelude

*"Prelude in C-sharp minor," Op. 3, No. 2* Nathan Arch, piano  
Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

## Welcome & Invocation

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin D. Seller

## Call to Worship (Responsively)

*Leader: A vision for our faith community, a vision of joyful worship.*

*People: Voices praising together, God's name glorified.*

*One: A vision of faithfulness to God's Word.*

*All: The challenge of the prophets, heard;*

*the psalms, a strength; the teachings of Jesus, the Way to follow.*

*One: A vision of compassionate service.*

*All: The powerless empowered, the weak supported, the vulnerable given self-confidence.*

*One: A vision with the love of Jesus Christ at the center.*

*All: Let us worship God!*

## Opening Hymn

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

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*1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*2. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

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3. *Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

**Confession of Sin** (in Unison)

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin,  
but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy.  
We are spiritually poor,  
but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor.  
Strengthen our faith and trust in you.  
We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us.  
We are weak in faith; strengthen us.  
We are cold in love; warm us,  
and make our hearts fervent for you  
that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Moment of Silence**

*(A moment to personally repent of our sins.)*

**Assurance of Pardon** (Responsively)

Leader: *As God came to bring strength and righteousness to a broken world,  
that peace is yours.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Passing of the Peace** (Responsively)

Leader: *The peace of the Lord be with you all.*

People: **And also with you.**

**Special Music**

*"You Carry Me"*  
By Stephen R. Willis

Solo: Stephen R. Willis, guitar

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** (in Unison)

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.

**Hymn**

*“It Is Well With My Soul”*  
(Pastor Verses: Congregation Chorus)

**Chorus:** *It is well with my soul!*  
*It is well, it is well with my soul!*

**Special Music**

*“With A Voice of Singing”*  
By Shaw Quartet: Pastor Ben, Vicki Giardina,  
Karen Hubbard-Leverton and Wayne Woodland

**Scripture**

John 15:1-5 New Testament (p.876-; LP p.1676)

**Sermon**

**Week #3 Rooted: Prune** The Rev. Dr. Benjamin D. Seller

**Closing Hymn**

*“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”* #417

1. *Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion’s help forever, And our confidence alone.*
2. *To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
With Your wonted lovingkindness Hear Your people as they pray.  
And Your fullest benediction Shed within its walls always.*
3. *Here bestow to all Your servants What they ask of You to gain,  
What they gain from You forever With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.*
4. *Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever one;  
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run.*

**Benediction**

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**Postlude**

*“Nun danket alle Gott”* Nathan Arch, organ  
Gerald Near (b. 1942)

