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September 13, 2020

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION

“God is no fonder of intellectual slackers than He is of any other slacker.” ~ C.S. Lewis

PRELUDE

Bagpipe Selections

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

WORSHIP NOTE: The hymns used in worship today were included in the private family memorial service for Bob Pryor on Saturday, September 12.

OPENING HYMN No. 840, St. 1 & 4 “When Peace like a River”

VILLE DU HAVRE

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul;
It is well; it is well with my soul.

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul;
It is well; it is well with my soul.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call. In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love. In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name; but refuse to live as one people. In baptism you sent us to serve with compassion to all; but we take bread from the hungry and stop our ears to cries for justice. Lord, have mercy on us. Remember the promises you made to us in baptism - to forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Anyone who is in Christ is of the New Creation. The old life is finished, gone.
Behold, new life has begun. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

HYMN No. 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

African Dream Academy – Lydia Spinelli/Lisa Stein

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Prayer”

arr. Dawn Thompson

FIRST READING

Matthew 13:10-17

SECOND READING

Luke 7:18-23

SERMON *“Fantasy Faith League: Recruits from Liberal Protestants”* Rev. William Schram

HYMN No. 819, St. 1 & 2

“Be Still, My Soul”

FINLANDIA

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,
Who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future surely as 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

MEMORIAL MOMENT FOR REVEREND JESSEMAN ROBERT PRYOR

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Amazing Grace”

HYMN No. 819, St. 3

“Be Still, My Soul”

FINLANDIA

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.

BENEDICTION

**Go out into the world in peace
Have courage
Hold on to that which is the truth.
Never return a person evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted.
Support the weak.
Help the suffering
Honor every man, woman, and child
and rejoice in the power of God in your life. Amen**

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

arr. Marianne Kim

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Rev. Barbara Piercy
Noel Piercy & Susan Jones
Paul Salierno, Cantor
John Loiacono, Bagpipes
Handbell Trio: Kara Nancoz, Barbara Romaine, Tyler Romaine,
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers