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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