

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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***Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...  
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.***

**Sunday, June 18, 2023**  
**9:30 am**  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Father's Day**

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REFLECTION

*"When it comes to our faith, I think we like David have the choice of whether we will live in fear or in trust. That applies to all aspect of our lives, but especially to what we do at Church. And stepping out in new directions takes courage and faith."*

Alan Brehm

PRELUDE

*"Wer nur den Lieben Gott "*

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open wide your hearts;

**Trust in God, who made you and the whole earth.**

Open wide your minds;

**Trust in Jesus, who showed us the way by laying down his life for us.**

Open wide your soul;

**Trust in the Spirit, who continues to guide us on the journey of faith.**

Open your lives to God:

**For perfect love casts out fear, and in God's love we trust. of grace and truth"**

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus name.

***Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.***

2. When darkness seems to hide his face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

***Refrain***

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.

***Refrain***

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

***Refrain***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we confess that we have paid lip service to Scripture, and have failed to follow what it teaches. We have quoted the Bible without rolling up our sleeves. We have studied Scripture without opening our hearts to fully trust in you. We have memorized verses without loving our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us where we have built walls rather than relationships. Forgive us when we try to go it alone, trusting neither you or others. Call us to confess our sins of ignorance, to repent of our ways, and to work to repair what is broken. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
2. World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## SERMON

*“Facing Giant Challenges”*

Rev. William Schram

## \*HYMN NO. 816

*“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide You”*

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee,  
with hopeful heart through all thy ways,  
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,  
to bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
builds on the rock that nought can move.
2. Only be still, and wait God's leisure  
in cheerful hope, with heart content  
to take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure  
and all discerning love hath sent.  
No doubt our inmost wants are clear  
to One who holds us always dear.
3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,  
but do thine own part faithfully.  
Trust the rich promises of grace;  
so shall they be fulfilled in thee.  
God never yet forsook at need  
the soul secured by trust indeed.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Pearl Fischers Duet”*

Georges Bizet

## SENIOR RECOGNITION &amp; STAFFORD SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYER'S OF THE PEOPLE &amp; 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.**

## INVITATION FOR GIVING

## \*HYMN NO. 837

*“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

SHOWALTER

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
***Refrain: Leaning, leaning safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***
2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the ever lasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
***Refrain***
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the ever lasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
***Refrain***

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*“All Creatures of Our God and King”*

Hal. H. Hopson

\* Please rise in body or spirit



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God....  
...in memory of Eugene A. Straub by,  
The Hauser Family and Mary Ann Straub  
and  
In memory of Henry Wefferling by Lewis Wefferling

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Rev. William Schram

Valerie Shondel, Director of Music and Organist

Ray Liptak, AV Engineer

Michael Sperrazza, & Matthew Califf AV Team

Our section leaders:

Abbey Clyne, Mackenzie Conaway, Justin McBurney, Alan Smulen

✝ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

✝ For more information about our church, please visit our website:

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