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Gathering

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“And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear for God has 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.”

Martin Luther

PRELUDE “Andante sostenuto” Vierne

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Rader

One: The heart of the Lord is warmed by the right choices we make.

All: We would love to bring joy to the Lord!

One: The eyes of all wait upon the Lord,

All: who satisfies hungry hearts. Let us praise the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *CWM RHONDDA*

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;

Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;

be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.

Songs of praises, songs of praise I will ever give to thee.

I will ever give to thee.

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O Lord, you are near to those who are broken hearted and you comfort those whose spirit has been wounded.

In our humanness, we acknowledge both the joys and the shortcomings on our human journey. We

acknowledge our times of sinfulness on life's journey, even as we seek to magnify our joys along the way. Walk with us, Lord, and fulfill your desire to deeply know your creation, in the name of the crucified and risen Jesus, the way you took on flesh. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul;
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 34: 15-18

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.

SOLO

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Omer Westendorf
Norton Christeson, Soloist

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-17

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Putting on the Armor of God”

Dr. Sumner

HYMN

“Fight the Good Fight”

DUKE STREET

Fight the good fight with all thy might. Christ is thy strength
and Christ thy right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face. Life with its way
before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life,
And Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near. God changeth not
And though art dear. Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (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.

RECEPTION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

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checks to us or have your checks mailed regularly from your bank at no cost to you. Otherwise, you may
give by credit or debit card by going to www.wbts.org and clicking "Donate now."

OFFERTORY "Prayer" Nieland

RESPONSE *WEBB*
"Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust
your own. Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer. Where duty calls, or danger, be never
wanting there."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)
Beloved Lord, you gave yourself for us. Now we give ourselves to you. We offer all that we are in love
and gratitude. Knowing that all we have comes from you, we give out of our abundance for your work in
this church and through it for this world. Receive all that we give and bless us in our giving. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "It is Well With My Soul"

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 (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded
my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross
and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,

