

PEACE BE WITH YOU

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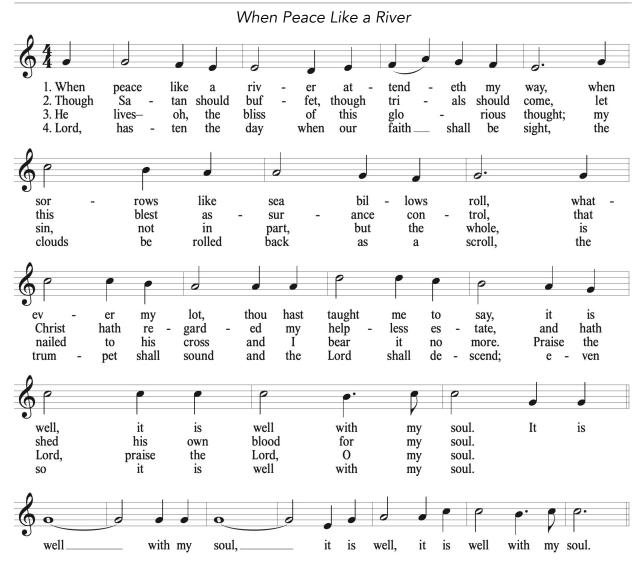




WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Dave Thomas

OPENING SONG



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888 Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Let us pray:

Prince of Peace, we long to know the calming, comforting assurance of your presence in our lives. Sometimes this is our experience. Other times we feel the weight of worry and the stress on uncertainty. Fill us anew, we pray, with your Spirit of Peace, and help us to be peace givers and peace makers. This we pray in the name of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



FIRST LESSON

Psalm 85:8-12 (NRSV)

L The first lesson is Psalm 85, verses 8 to 12.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

- L Word of God. Word of Life.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

James 3:16-18 (NIV)

L The second lesson is James chapter 3, verses 16 to 18.

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:25-27 (NRSV)

P Hear the Good News, as recorded in the Gospel of John, chapter 14.

Jesus said, "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

- P This is good news!
- C Thanks be to God!

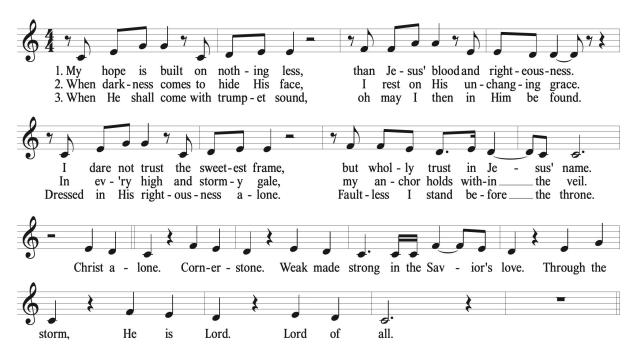
MESSAGE

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SONG OF THE SEASON

Cornerstone





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PROFESSING OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

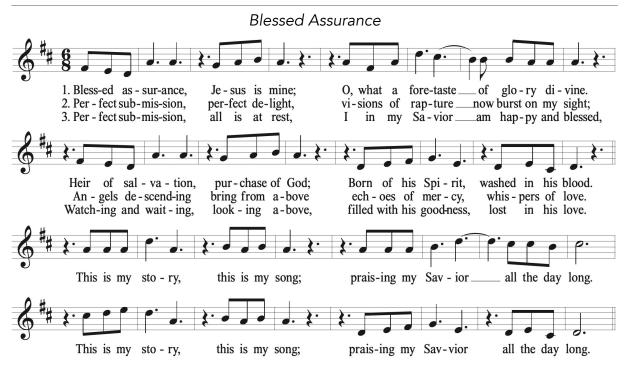
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



CLOSING SONG



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908



SENT TO SERVE

- P Jesus said, "As I have been sent, so also I send you."By God's grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to:
- C Worship God, Grow in Faith, Share the Gospel, Serve Others, Welcome All. — Thanks be to God!