

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

August 8, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

In these moments of silence
Drink of the living water which Christ feely gives.
Feel His strength come over you.
Here, for a moment, you are in the holy presence of God.
-- Peter Marshall

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE “Here I Am to Worship” by Tim Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: They who wait upon the Lord,
People: Shall renew their strength.
Leader: They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
People: They shall run and not be weary;
Leader: They shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31).

SONG OF PRAISE “As the Deer” by Martin Nystrom

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal and holy God, the beginning of our yesterdays, the mystery of our todays, and the hope of our tomorrows, we confess that we have wasted too much of our time and energy. We have pursued selfish goals, ignored the welfare of others, and wandered from Your call to a higher and better way of life. But we come before You now to repent of our sin, to renew our vision, and to recommit ourselves to Your service. Lead us to be what we know we are called to be. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel. Jesus said,
“Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

People: In Jesus Christ, our burdens are lifted, our sins forgiven, and our life restored.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ we are redeemed and made new!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM “Down to the River to Pray” arr. Sheldon Curry

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 33:1-2a,27
Zechariah 2:10-13, 3:8-10

SERMON “**God Remembers**”

“Underneath are the everlasting arms” (Deuteronomy 33:27).

*HYMN No. 435 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 625)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER TIME: THANKS AND PASTORAL SUPPLICATION

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.

* HYMN No. 275 “How Firm a Foundation”

* BENEDICTION/ POSTLUDE

* Those who are able, please stand.

Welcome Back Rev. Jim Hicks

We welcome Rev. Jim Hicks back to our family this morning after a four-year absence. Jim earned his undergraduate degree from Case Western Reserve and his Master's degree at Princeton Theological Seminary and gained pastoral service in New York City, Cortland, Elmira and many local churches. Jim and Mary have three children and seven grandchildren scattered between Spain, Texas, and Ohio. Mary is currently engaged in a teaching position at a local church two Sundays a month. We may have to save our greetings for her in the weeks to come.

Ushering

Church Life Committee is hopeful that you will begin to volunteer for ushering on a Sunday morning now that more folks are in attendance. Hats off to Gale Conway for "carrying the torch" most Sundays during the last six months. The sign-up sheet is in the Social Room.

Clothing Shed is Open!

Please place donations in the following three places: the Caring Corner in the Social Room with baskets, the black cupboard in the rear entryway, and the closet labelled Clothing Shed Donations just inside the Administrative Office bathroom. Thank for your clean and much-needed donations.

Exercise Program

A group of our church members meets every Monday and Thursday mornings on Zoom for an exercise program . They focus on building bone strength. If you would like to join us, please contact MJ Uttech at mju50@frontier.com.

Prayers

Sympathy and prayers for Jan Hollenbeck's family, Jan passed away August 1.

Dawn Horner

Dave Gross

Bob Sincerbeaux

Jim and I want to thank all of you for your continued prayers and generosity. Arlene

Coffee Hour

For anyone willing to offer Coffee after the church service, all supplies are available in the church kitchen: coffee, tea, creamers, sugar packets, Styrofoam cups, stirring sticks, napkins. Just make the coffee and cleanup afterward. Thank you. Church Life.

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Here I Am to Worship

Verse 1:

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus:

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2:

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

Bridge:

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.

Chorus

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As the Deer

Verse 1:

As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

Chorus:

You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

Verse 2:

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.

Chorus

Verse 3:

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye.

Chorus (2x)

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Verse 1:

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and grief to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Verse 2:

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Verse 3:

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge –
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven

Music: *Converse*, Charles C. Converse

How Firm a Foundation

Verse 1:

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Verse 2:

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

Verse 3:

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

Verse 4:

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

Text: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787

Music: *Foundation*, Traditional American melody; Caldwell's *Union Harmony*, 1837