

FRIST SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 6, 2022

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *It Is Well with My Soul*

UMH #377

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.

Refrain:

It is well 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. (Refrain)

My sin, oh, 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! (Refrain)

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)



**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: When disaster strike, where can we go?

**P: God is always there.**

L: When enemies surround us, whom can we trust?

**P: Christ is always with us.**

L: When life is hard, who can ease the load?

**P: The Spirit is always there to sustain us.**

**A: Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation.**

**HYMN** *God Is Here*

UMH #660

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

### **OPENING PRAYER** *(spoken in unison)*

**Faithful One, the promises You made to our ancestors continue even to this day. We, too, share in the bounty of Your blessings, dwelling in a land of milk and honey. Burn the truth of Paul's words into our very souls: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(spoken in unison)*

**In Christ' name, we pray for Your presence, as we journey through the Lenten season with Him all the way to the cross. Amen.**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**L: All who trust in the name of the Lord will be saved. Trust in the promise of God. Believe in Jesus with your whole heart. Confess what the Spirit has done for you, and you will abide in life everlasting.**

**P: Amen.**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(spoken in 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

### **OFFERING**

### **DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

### **HYMN** *Take Time to be Holy*

UMH #395

**Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.**

**Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.**

**Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,  
And run not before him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,  
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.**

**Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,  
Each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,  
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.**

## **HEBREW LESSON**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.     **P:** Thanks be to God!

## **SERMON**

**"Bringing God What is God's"**

Rev. Richard Baker

## **HYMN** *Guide Me Thou, O Great Jehovah*

UMH #127

**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 praises, I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*L: The Lord be with you.*

**P: And also with you.**

*L: Lift up your hearts.*

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*L: It is right and good...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**P: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*L: ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*L: ...All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever*

**P: Amen.**

*(at this time, we invite you to partake of the elements: the bread and the grapes, as a sign of God's love for u*

## **BENEDICTION**

*L: As you leave here today, abide in the shadow of the Most-High. As you wander in the wilderness, put your trust in the Holy One. As you face times of trial, call on the name of the Lord and you will be saved.*

**P: God is our refuge and our strength. Christ is our shelter in times of trials, and the Comforter leads us to safety. Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG** *On Eagle's Wings*

UMH #143

**And God will raise you up on eagles' wings**

**Bear you on the breath of dawn**

**Make you to shine like the sun**

**And hold you in the palm of God's hand**