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SUNDAY • JUNE 20, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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An Open & Affirming Congregation

Welcome!

*Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Restrooms are located down the hall on the main floor.

All Gender Restrooms are located at the back of the sanctuary and downstairs in the Fellowship Hall (which is accessible).

Changing tables are located in the Nursery on the main floor and at the back of the sanctuary.

***An asterisk** is an invitation to rise, in body or spirit.
Bolded text is an invitation for the congregation to read or sing in unison.

For everyone's health and safety:

- Masks are now optional.
- Please practice physical distancing.
- Ushers will not collect offerings. Instead, you may place your offerings in the baskets located in the Tower Room and Narthex.
- Children should sit with their parents in the pews. Children may get activities from the Playground and then return to the pews.
- At the conclusion of worship, attendees should exit the sanctuary promptly to avoid prolonged, close contact.
- Social hour following worship will be held without coffee or food on the Garth, weather permitting.

Worship June 20, 2021

Bells Calling to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Mike McKee

Prelude

"Infra 3"

Max Richter

Call to Worship

Breathing & Yoga

Leila Sadat

*Opening Hymn

"Be Still My Soul"

#488

Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide in future days as in the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
how Jesus' power ruled them long ago.

Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here
when we shall be with God whom we adore,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of our Savior

Our Mother, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Solo

"Be Not Afraid"

Craig Courtney

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;

Be not afraid: I have called you by name.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;

When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;

You are mine, you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting,

My love for you shall have no end.

Scripture

Mark 4:35-41 (NRSV)

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

*Passing of the Peace "Halle Halle Halle"

Spiritual Reflection

Rev. Mia White

*Closing Hymn "When Peace, Like a River"

#438

When peace, like a river, upholds me each day,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, you have 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.

Thou evil should tempt me, though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has paid life and 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*

O God, speed the day that is filled with your light,
When clouds are rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall appear,
"Even so" - It is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Blessing

Postlude "Cathedral Prelude and Fugue in E Minor" *J. S. Bach*

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