



TOWER BELL IS RUNG

OPENING SENTENCES

One: We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul.

All: Rooted in Christ, we are held fast in every storm.

WELCOME

PRELUDE | Largo

George Handel
Rafi Shah-Bozeman, violin

THRESHOLD MOMENT

One: We gather as those tossed by winds and waves, yet bound together by the anchor of Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is our refuge and strength, our harbor in the storm.

All: Christ is our anchor, sure and steadfast.

One: In hope and in trust, we come before God.

All: Held by the Spirit, we worship with grateful hearts.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ HYMN #353 | My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Please stand at the end of the introduction, following the lead of the choir

+ CALL TO CONFESSION

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we are often adrift, tossed by doubt and pulled by fear. We trust in our own strength and cling to things that cannot hold. Forgive us when we lose sight of Christ, our sure and steadfast anchor. Steady us again in your grace, that our hope may rest secure in you. Amen.

+ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, the One who calmed the seas now calms our hearts. In Christ, we are forgiven, anchored, and free. Thanks be to God!

+ RESPONSE: HYMN #687 | Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, verse 1

***Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.***

SHARING THE FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

(Children are invited to go upstairs to the nursery or Agape Kidz, for music and crafts. All children are welcome to remain in the worship service too. We really do like having them around.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION | Stacey Torgerson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING | Psalm 62:5–8 (OT Pew Bible, p. 526)

Amen. **Amen.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING | Hebrews 6:18–19 (NT Pew Bible, p. 221)

The Spirit Speaks to the Church Today. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON | Dr. Robert L. Bozeman, Minister of Music

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN #183 | Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | Chris Boone

One: Steady us, O God.

All: Anchor us in your grace.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

EACM Needs: toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, paper towels

(Please take a moment to sign the pew pads and pass them down the row so we can get to know one another.)

OFFERTORY | The Call of Wisdom

Will Todd
Topher Wolfzorn, conductor

Lord of wisdom, lord of truth, lord of justice, lord of mercy.
Walk beside us down the years, 'till we see you in your glory.
Striving to attain the heights. Turning in a new direction.
Entering a lonely place. Welcoming a friend or stranger.
(Refrain) I am here, I am with you.
I have called, do you hear me?
I am here, I am here, I am with you.
Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value.
Jewels sparkle for a while. What you long for is not lasting. (Refrain)
Rulers govern under me. With my insight and my wisdom.
Those who know me know my love. Those who seek me find their answer. (Refrain)
God, the father and the son. Holy Spirit, coeternal.
Glory, glory, be ascribed to you.
Now and to the end, to the end of ages. (Refrain)



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+ DOXOLOGY #697 | Take My Life

***Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

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 #182 | I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | Bourrée

J. S. Bach

As our worship continues in music, you are invited to remain seated for the postlude. If you need to depart, please exit quietly through the back.

OUR CONCERNS: Faith Aeilts, Rick Ary, Rev. Kathy Costanzo, George Hoge, Kathy Junker (sister of Margaret Fadeley), Bob Popeck (friend of Ann Walthall), Paul Wessell, and Lt. Col. David McGarvey, U.S. Air Force (son of John and Judy McGarvey)

Prayer concerns will remain on our list for a month unless an update is provided to extend the request.

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