

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn

Hymn 561

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. (Refrain)

When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. (Refrain)

Charge and Benediction

The Rev. Peter Larson

Postlude

I know that My Redeemer Lives arr. Kyle Mazur

Kyle Mazur

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Sunday, May 30, 2021

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Service

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Peter Larson

Prelude Kyle Mazur
Reflections by Kyle Mazur

*Call to Worship (Isaiah 41:10;13; 17-20) The Rev. Peter Larson

Leader: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

People: I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Leader: For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.

People: The poor and the needy search for water, but there is none. Their tongues are parched with thirst.

Leader: But I the Lord will answer them; I, the God of Israel will not forsake them.

People: I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys.

Leader: I will turn the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into springs.

People: I will put in the desert the cedar and the acacia, the myrtle and the olive,

Leader: I will set junipers in the wasteland, the fir and the cypress together;

All: So that people may see and know, may consider and understand, that the hand of the Lord has done this, that the Holy One of Israel has created it.

*Opening Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Hymn 609

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession

Andrew Johnson 8:30
Chloe Larson 10:00

Lord Jesus, you have promised never to leave or forsake us. You have promised always to be with us to the end of the world. You have given us your Holy Spirit, to comfort, guide, encourage and fill us with your presence. And yet, sometimes, we feel alone. In the storms of life, we feel you have abandoned us. In times of crisis, it seems like you are far away. In times of pain and suffering, we are tempted to believe that you have forgotten us. When our prayers go unanswered, we feel abandoned. Lord, forgive our doubt and disbelief. In times of trouble, help us to know that you are with us. When we feel alone, help us to sense your presence. When dark clouds surround us, give us faith to believe that the Son is still shining. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

* Response *Gloria Patri*
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen! Amen!

Prayers of the People

The Rev. Stephanie Poblenz

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication

Joe McKenzie 8:30
Brandon Taulbee 10:00

Offertory

Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone)

Rick McNeely

WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Daniel Frank 8:30
The Rev. Randy Fannin 10:00

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. ¹⁷When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

Hymn 551

Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
Give me Jesus

Refrain

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
you can have all this world, give me Jesus

Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. (Refrain)

Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus. (Refrain)

O, when I come to die,
O, when I come to die,
O, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. (Refrain)

Video: A Conversation with Brad Heath

Second Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 4:9-22

⁹Do your best to come to me quickly, 10 for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. ¹²I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. ¹⁵You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen. ¹⁹Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus. ²¹Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus greets you, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brothers and sisters. ²²The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you all.

Sermon

Never Alone

The Rev. Peter Larson