

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 22nd at 10:00 a.m.
"Be still and know that I am God"
Psalm 46:10

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude Music

Call to Worship

We wait with hope,
for God's promises are sure.
We wait with patience,
for God's time is a mystery.
Come and worship.
We will stand firm and wait upon the Lord together.

Opening Prayer

Holy God of mystery and miracles, reveal your presence to us, as we gather in worship. Send your Holy Spirit to descend upon us. Raise our thoughts that we may reflect on your promises and trust with hope in promises yet to come. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn of Praise "O Worship the King" UMH #73. Words: Robert Grant, 1779-1838
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- 1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**
- 2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.**
- 3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**
- 4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?**

**It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

A Modern Affirmation UMH #885

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith lets us now declare:

People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" UMH #70 Music: Lesser Doxology, 3rd -4th cent. Music: Charles Meineke, 1844. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.

**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.**

Scripture Reading Exodus 14:10-22 (NRSV)

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Sermon Worship Series: Be Still “You Only Have to Keep Still” Rev. Matthew Sergent

Hymn “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” UMH #121. Words: Frederick W. Faber, 1854.
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**1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in God’s justice,
which is more than liberty.**

**2. There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior,
there is healing in his blood.**

**3. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**4. If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God’s word,
and our lives would be illumined**

by the presence of our Lord.

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH #117. Words: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: Attr. to William Croft; harm. by W.H. Monk. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages, in thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Benediction

Postlude