



June 7, 2020 Online Worship Resource

Call to Worship

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

let us lay aside every weight,

and the sin that clings so closely,

and let us run with perseverance and faith the race that is set before us.

Mindful of the gifts we receive,

and confident of the sustenance the Lord provides,

let us worship God.

Hymn: It is Well With My Soul

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 (it is well), with my soul (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 hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

He lives: O 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)

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and Lord shall descend; Even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, by your Spirit enlighten us; illumine us; inspire us; not for our sakes, but the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom we live. Amen.

Scripture **Genesis 12:1-9 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

The Call of Abram

12 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."[a]

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak[b] of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring[c] I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. 9 And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-10

The Meaning of Faith

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith[a] our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.[b]

The Faith of Abraham

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Ultramarathon Faith

Hymn: **Fight the Good Fight**

Fight the good fight with all thy might. Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near. God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee.

Prayer of Dedication

Ancient of Days, you call us to be your people not just to bless us, but also for us to be a blessing for all people on this earth. Grant us the faith, the courage, and the wisdom to be a blessing to our community and our world in these difficult days. Through our offerings, may we be channels of your compassion and healing to others. Amen.

Call to Confession

God calls us to faithfulness, but time and again we lapse into faithlessness. Still, God loves us and waits in mercy to forgive us. Trusting in God's promise of mercy, let us confess our sins.
Let us pray...

Confession

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You call us to walk in faith, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You invite us to watch for you at all times, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us, Lord. Increase our faith, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. For the sake of Christ, we pray.

Time for Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! By faith we have been saved, our guilty hearts washed clean.

Refreshed, revived, and renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we live as those who are forgiven and set free. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise....

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be they 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.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Benediction