



**Online Worship Resources** (Sunday, August 9, 2020)  
**BOLD TYPE IS SPOKEN BY THE CONGREGATION**

Prelude: MY HEART EVER FAITHFUL J. S. Bach  
Jane Kerr, Organist

*My heart ever faithful, sing praise, be joyful,  
Thy Jesus is near;  
Away with complaining, Faith ever maintaining,  
My Jesus is here;  
My heart ever faithful, sing praises, be joyful,  
Thy Jesus is here!*

Welcome & Announcements

**Call to Worship** Danny Williams, Liturgist

Grateful for a God who keeps God's promises, please join me in the Responsive Call to Worship:

In the midst of hunger and war  
**we celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.**

In the midst of oppression and tyranny  
**we celebrate the promise of service and freedom.**

In the midst of doubt and despair  
**we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.**

In the midst of hatred and death  
**we celebrate the promise of love and life.**

In the midst of sin and decay  
**we celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.**

In the midst of death on every side  
**we celebrate the promise of the living Christ.**

-Prayer No. 14, Sixth Assembly, World Council of Churches, Vancouver, Canada, 1983.

Opening Hymn: "The Summons"

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown; Will you let my name be known; Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Call to Confession

Desiring to mend and renew our broken relationships with God and one another, let us confess, repent, and trust God to forgive our sin. Let us pray together ...

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, on lonely Mount Moriah you put your servant Abraham to the test. We confess that we have failed far lesser tests of our faith. We have allowed selfish desires to run our lives, distort how we treat others, and warp our relationship with you. In your great mercy, forgive us. Renew our hearts and minds that we might remember your promises and live fully the life you have created for us. For the sake of Christ, we pray.**

Silent Confession

**Assurance of Pardon**

God, whose name is I AM, provides for us in our weakness. Jesus Christ, I AM in human form, gave himself for our salvation. Friends, hear the Good News!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

**Passing the Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Children's Time**

Miss Jenny

## Prayer for Illumination

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the Prayer for Illumination:

**God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through your Word teach us how to live in integrity of body, mind, and spirit, in obedience to your love. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup>Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

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

Hymn After Sermon: "Be Still, My Soul"

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide, Who through all changes faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed, we shall meet at last.

### **Prayer of Dedication:**

Please join me as we pray together:

**Thank you, Loving Parent, for keeping your promises, for providing for our needs, and for freeing us to live as your children. We offer to you what has been given to us, with joy and gratitude, for the common good. Bless, we pray, the gifts, givers, and receivers. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Benediction**

Postlude:

YOU ARE MINE

David Haas

*"I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear.*

*You will hear my voice; I claim you for my choice.*

*Be still and know I am here.*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.*

*Come and follow me, I will bring you home.*

*I love you and you are mine. "*

*"I am the Word that leads all to freedom; I am the peace the world cannot  
give.*

*I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.*

*Come and follow me, I will bring you home.*

*I love you and you are mine."*

Today's Worship Participants:

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