



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, October 9, 2022)

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FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God by Kwabena and Paulina Sintim-Aboagye in honor of Kojo's birthday.

Prelude: *THE GIFT OF LOVE* English folk; Hal Hopson
*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*
Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship from *Psalm 121* Dave Hutchins, Liturgist
Please stand as you are led and join me in our responsive Call to Worship:
From where will our help come?
Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Who is our keeper?
The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

How long will God protect us?

God will keep us in our comings and goings from this day on and forevermore.

Let us worship our helping, comforting God!

OPENING HYMN: "How Can I Keep from Singing"

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

REFRAIN:

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.

It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (REFRAIN)

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.

What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
(REFRAIN)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (REFRAIN)

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

God looks with compassion on the broken and the brokenhearted. With confidence and trust in God's mercy, let us confess our sins together, praying. . .

Prayer of Confession

God, our rock and refuge and help, look upon your brokenhearted children with mercy. In the midst of life's storms, when our sorrow threatens to erode our faith, renew in us the trust to hold fast to you. In our loss, empower us with hope, that grief may not overwhelm us. As we face our own mortality, meet us in our uncertainty and fear, that we may trust in the power of your resurrection to make us--and all things--new.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God invites us to build our lives on the sure foundation of God's love and mercy. Friends, this is Good News:

God is with us--forgiving us, sheltering us, loving us--that we might walk together in Christ as beloved sisters and brothers. Hallelujah! Amen.

Response: "Christ Be Beside Me"

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.

Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

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

Spirit of power and truth, speak to us your Word that hearing it, our hearts may receive your peace and our lives be renewed for connecting, growing, and serving in your name. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 46:1-3

(Liturgist)

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

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

Special Music: "I'll Fly Away"
Jeremy Rissi, cello
Erika Rissi, vocals
Judy Viccellio, guitar

Prayers of the People 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.

CLOSING 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)

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude: *O for a THOUSAND TONGUES to SING* Arr. T. Birchwood
 *To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below
 and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, Director of Music,
David Maley, pianist, Dave Hutchins, liturgist and
Gene Kendall, Jr., technology team