



SLOW SUMMER

taking time to see the holy every day

Homer United Methodist Church

Rest

August 8, 2021

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Centering

Rev. Lisa Talbott

***Opening Prayer¹**

Pastor Lisa

Companion God, we praise you for your grace which is always on the move, from death to life, desolation to hope, famine to feasting. As we travel this road of pain and rejoicing, we give thanks that you go with us as our guardian and friend: that you have taken us by the hand and led us, giving guidance and support. Your presence travels with us. **You will give us rest.**

You have strengthened us for the work of faith, the labor of love, and the steadfastness of hope. Your presence travels with us. **You will give us rest.**

You have given us your saints and disciples and Jesus himself. Through their examples we are encouraged and inspired. Your presence travels with us. **You will give us rest.**

You have revealed to us your ways as we receive your Word with joy, even in the midst of our suffering. Your presence travels with us. **You will give us rest.**

You have shown us the glory of your love and mercy and claimed us as your own. You have also given us the love and companionship of one another in both our joys and sorrows. Your presence travels with us. **You will give us rest.**

You abide with us, now and forever. Your presence travels with us. **You will give us rest. Amen.**

¹ Further adapted from Nick Fawcett, adapted by Rev. I. Scott McCarthy and posted on the *Starters for Sunday* website from the Church of Scotland.

Opening Song

Abide with Me

Ola Mullikin and Dave Nofziger

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1847
MUSIC: W.H. Monk, 1861
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*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

*Prayer for Illumination

Julie Parizek

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small. All things wise and wonderful, Lord God, you made them all. Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation and open our hearts to the glory of your Word. In the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh, we pray. Amen.

*Scripture

Jeremiah 6:16 and Matthew 11: 28-30

Julie Parizek

The Lord said, "Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls."

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

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Pastor Lisa

Song of Response

Be Still, My Soul

Ola Mullikin and Dave Nofziger

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel; trans. by Jane Borthwick
MUSIC: Jean Sibelius
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I Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.

*indicates please stand as you are able.

*Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*2 Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.*

*3 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

***Prayers of the People²**

Response: In our sabbath rest, **hear our prayer.**

***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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory forever.
Amen.

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² Adapted from <https://www.baylor.edu/ifl/christianreflection/SabbathworshipMiller.pdf>

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Closing Song *It Is Well with My Soul* Ola Mullikin and Dave & Ruby Nofziger
WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873
MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876
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*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*

*My sin, oh, 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!*

*And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so it is well, with my soul!*

***Benediction**

Go with the joy of the Lord on your lips.
Go with the peace of God in your hearts.
Go with the strength of the Holy Spirit in every step you take.
Go forth in peace and love. Amen.