

June 28, 2020

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

**The Prelude**

*This Is My Father's World*

Trad. English Melody

**The Greeting**

**The Hymn No. 710**

*Faith of Our Fathers*

ST. CATHERINE

1. Faith of our fathers, living still,  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word!  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.
2. Faith of our mothers, we will strive  
to win all nations unto thee;  
and through the truth that comes from God,  
we all shall then be truly free.  
Faith of our mothers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.
3. Faith of the martyrs, we will love  
both friend and foe in all our strife;  
and preach thee, too, as love knows how  
by kindly words and virtuous life.  
Faith of the martyrs, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

**The Opening Prayer**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Let us pray.

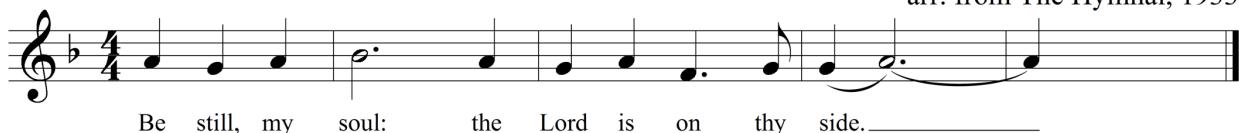
**All:** **Lord of hope, when the dark clouds assail,**  
**you ask us to bear the light of your love and truth.**  
**When fears seem to immobilize us,**  
**you give us courage and strength to bear your witness.**  
**We thank you for your call to us.**  
**We praise you for your sustaining love for us.**  
**We honor you with our lives and our service to you;**  
**for it is in Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.**

## The Psalter page 746 with response

Psalm 13

[The first response will be sung by the choir and then by everyone. All other responses will be sung by everyone.]

### Response:



Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. \_\_\_\_\_

Katharina von Schlegel  
trans. by Jane Borthwick  
Jean Sibelius  
arr. from The Hymnal, 1933

- 1 How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?  
**How long will you hide your face from me?**
- 2 How long must I bear pain in my soul,  
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?  
**How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

### Response

- 3 Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;  
**lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;**
- 4 lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him";  
**lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.**
- 5 But I trusted in your steadfast love;  
**my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.**
- 6 I will sing to the Lord,  
**for the Lord has dealt bountifully with me.**

### Response

## The Hymn No. 361

*Rock of Ages*

TOPLADY

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
save from wrath and make me pure.
2. Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to the cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyes shall close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

## The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 22:1-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Sermon

*A Long Walk Home*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

## The Offertory Prayer

### The Offertory Solo

*O, Divine Redeemer!*  
Todd Minnich, tenor

Charles Gounod

Ah! turn me not away, receive me, tho' unworthy,O  
Hear Thou my cry, hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress!  
Answer me from thy throne, haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid,  
Thy pity show in my deep anguish!  
Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, tho' righteous thine anger, O Lord!  
Shield me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call.

O, divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins!  
Forgive me, O, divine Redeemer!  
Night gathers round my soul; fearful, I cry to Thee;  
Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me!  
Hear my cry! Save me, Lord, in Thy mercy; Come and save me, O Lord!  
O, divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins!  
Save, in the day of retribution, from Death shield Thou me, O my God!  
O, divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior!

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## The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer  
The Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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.**

**The Hymn No. 2196***We Walk by Faith*

MARTYRDOM

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side,  
nor follow where he trod;  
yet in his promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
and may our faith abound;  
to call on you when you are near,  
and seek where you are found:
4. That when our life of faith is done  
in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are  
in full and endless sight.
5. We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
but we believe him near.

**The Benediction****The Postlude***The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

USA Folk Melody

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*We thank these persons who participated in worship this morning.*

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Matthew D. Bates
Minister to Young Adults:	Rev. Drew Willson
Pianist:	Lee Covington
Vocal Soloist:	Todd Minnich
Video:	Rachel Bates, Dan Corcoran

# Scripture

## Genesis 22:1-14

### The Command to Sacrifice Isaac

22 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.”