

# Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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Order of Virtual Morning Worship

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

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## What a Covenant! Moses (pt 2)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Leader: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

**People: We cry out, believing that God hears us.**

Leader: Come together and wait for God.

**People: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.**

Leader: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

**People: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.**

Leader: Come, worship the Lord.

**All: We celebrate the power of God that restores us.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN (*see hymn sheet*)

*When Peace Like a River*

Amanda Colby

SCRIPTURE

Numbers 21:4-9 (NRSV)

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

MEDITATION

"And what of a broken covenant?"

Rev. Dale Azevedo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN (*see hymn sheet*)

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God" vs. 1&2*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**When Peace Like a River**

1. When peace like a river, upholds me each day,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, you have 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.
2. Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come,  
let this bless'd assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has paid life and blood for my soul. *Refrain*
3. 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, oh my soul! *Refrain*
4. O Lord, speed the day that is filled with your light,  
when clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall appear,  
"even so" - it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

**A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

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| 1. A mighty fortress is our God,<br>a bulwark never failing,<br>Our present help amid the flood<br>of mortal ills prevailing.<br>For still our ancient foe<br>does seek to work us woe;<br>with craft and power great,<br>and armed with cruel hate,<br>on earth without an equal. | 2. Did we in our own strength confide,<br>our striving would be losing,<br>but there is one who takes our side,<br>the One of God's own choosing.<br>You ask who that may be?<br>Christ Jesus sets us free!<br>With mighty power to save,<br>victorious o'er the grave,<br>Christ will prevail triumphant. |
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