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10:45 AM

If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you and all present to sign the pew pads located at the end of each pew. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary or at the bottom of the stairs that lead to the sanctuary. Please note, all doors to the building will be open until 11:00 AM. After that time, please use the handicap door in the narthex.

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. Nursery care (infant through 2nd grade) is also provided, should you desire it. ***Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

L: The world outside worries us.

P: The worlds inside our homes, and our heads, and our hearts spin with anxiety.

L: Christ calls us to the quiet center.

P: We come to worship and receive God's peace.

L: We come to remember how to trust our Creator.

P: Let us worship our God who is caring for us right now.

*OPENING HYMN

‘I Am Welcome’

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I am welcome; I am welcome;
I am loved just as I am.
I am welcome; you are welcome;
We are loved just as we are.
O Spirit burn that truth into our hearts.

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

All: Holy God, there are times we can be so full of fear and anxiety—afraid of the unknown, worried about what is beyond our control, anxious about what is different. We know that worry can stop us in our tracks and hinder our action and keep us from what you call and empower us to do. We confess that it can be hard to trust in your promise that you will be with us always. Loving God- we pray that you will give us courage. Give us strong hearts and open hands, that we might set aside our anxiety, and walk confidently into this world you have made. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*PRAISE RESPONSE

"First Song of Isaiah"

FWS# 2030

Words from *The Book of Common Prayer*,
Canticle 9 (Isa.12:2-6)

Music: Jack Noble White

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**Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in God and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold
and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

***LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE AND PRAYER FOR PEACE**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The Christ in me greets the Christ in you.

All: The Christ in me greets the Christ in you also.

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:25-34 and Philippians 4:4-9

One: God is still speaking!

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

ANTHEM

"It Is Well"

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JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins/sin against)
All: Our Father, (Creator, Mother, Friend), 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

TIME OF DISCIPLESHIP & GENEROSITY

CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY

"Be Still My Soul"

Setting by Robert J. Powell
Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing
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*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

FWS #2237

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Music from: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844
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We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay. By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.”
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come, let
this blessed assurance control, That Christ has regarded my
helpless estate, and has paid life and blood for my soul:
It is well 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!
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when
clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trumpet shall sound and the
Lord shall appear, “even so”-- it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“I Want to be a Christian”

Music by Mary McDonald

Hymn Tunes A to Z

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References

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¹ The Prayer of Confession was written for Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church and published on the website, <https://thepastorsworkshop.com/prayers-of-confession-on-anxiety/> and accessed on September 26, 2023.

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The flowers on the altar are in celebration of Emma Hamilton's 13th birthday on Oct. 7th and PRIDE.

OUR MISSION

Because of our love of God, who first loved us, we empower disciples to let their lights shine through love of neighbor, love of children, and love of creation.

OUR VISION

As Jesus modeled first for us, we are working to create a just world where all are welcomed, all are loved, and all are included.

OUR PURPOSE

Celebrating the Christ in all of us by joyfully serving our community.

