

MORNING WORSHIP

July 15, 2018 9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.

**Indicates congregation stands.*

*Congregation reads the words in **dark print**.*

Please refrain from clapping until the end of the service.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

* Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
For the LORD is the great God
the great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
For he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

* Hymn: "O LORD, You Are My Light" PH 164

* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God.

And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

* Prayer of the Day:

God, our Rock, our refuge, our resting place, we come to you. Out of another busy week of work, out of our struggles to be meaningful in our world, out of our desire to meet you and know you as the center of our being, we come to you, O unmovable Rock of our security. Amen.

Anthems: *Grade Pre-K–K*

“My God Is So Great”

Calkin

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty! There's nothing my God cannot do!
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty! There's nothing my God cannot do!
The mountains are His, the rivers are His, the stars are his handiwork too,
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty! There's nothing my God cannot do!
For you!

“Deep and Wide”

Psalms 36:9

Deep and wide, deep and wide, there's a fountain flowing deep and wide.
Deep and wide, deep and wide, there's a fountain flowing deep and wide.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Based on Ephesians 3:17–18

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:

based on I Timothy 1:15; I Peter 2:24

Hear the Good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Anthems: *Grades 1–2*

“God Is Always There”

Hill

He never sleeps, He never slumbers while I'm under His care.
When I close my eyes I realize that God is always there.
Yes, God is always there.

Though I am weary and want to rest, my Father is always awake.
He measure my steps, hears every breath,
And guards my thoughts and dreams.

“God Is Here with Me”

Hogan

God is in my voice when I am singing,
God is in my voice, right here in my song.
God is in my voice when I am singing,
God is in my voice, right here in my song.
God is here with me, Alleluia! God is here with me, Alleluia!

God is in my mind when I am praying,
God is in my mind, right here in my prayer.
God is in my mind when I am praying,
God is in my mind, right here in my prayer.
God is here with me, Alleluia! God is here with me, Alleluia!

God is in my heart when I am sleeping,
God is in my heart, right here in my sleep.
God is in my heart when I am sleeping,
God is in my heart, right here in my sleep.
God is here with me, Alleluia! God is here with me, Alleluia!

Congregational Prayer

Anthems: *Grades 3–4*

“As Jacob with Travel Was Weary One Day”

English Folk Tune

As Jacob with travel was weary one day,
At night on a stone for a pillow he lay;
He saw in a vision a ladder so high,
That its foot was on earth and its top in the sky;

Refrain: Alleluia to Jesus, who died on the tree
And has raised up a ladder of mercy for me,
And has raised up a ladder of mercy for me.

The ladder is long, it is strong and well-made,
Has stood hundreds of years and is not yet decayed;
Many millions have climbed it and reached Zion's hill,
And thousands by faith are climbing it still: *Refrain*

Come, let us ascend! All may climb it who will:
For the angels of Jacob are guarding it still:
And remember, each step that by faith we pass o'er.
Some prophet or martyr has trod it before: *Refrain*

“God Is Our Hope” (Psalm 46)

Bertalot

God is our hope, God is our strength,
God is a very present help in trouble.
God is our hope, God is our strength,
God is a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, therefore will we not fear
tho' the earth be moved,
tho' the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.
tho' the waters rage and swell,
tho' the mountains shake.
Be still and know that I am God; that I am God.

I am exalted in the earth. I am exalted in the earth.
God is our hope, God is our strength,
The Lord of hosts is with us,
The God of Jacob is our refuge, our refuge.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: “How Firm a Foundation”

PH 500, vv. 1, 5

Scripture Reading: Psalm 18:1–3

Sermon: *God Our Rock*

Prayer

* Hymn: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

PH 469, vv. 1, 2, 4

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Anthems: *Grades 5–8*

“In Christ Alone/The Solid Rock”

Getty; Townend/arr. Ebensberger

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand—All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow’r of Christ in me.
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

“Rock of Ages”

Ward

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: cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy laws demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy 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.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,
when I rise to worlds unknown,
and behold thee on thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let me hide in thee.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

II Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Choral Doxology: *Grades 1–8*

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

arr. Mauldin

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.
On Christ the solid rock, I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

“I Will Go in the Strength of the Lord God,”

Shooks

I will go in the strength of the Lord God,
I'll make mention of His righteousness alone;
He's my refuge in time of trial,
He's my strength when I am weak and worn:
So I'll go in the strength of the Lord God,
I will go in the strength of the Lord.

Please remain seated while the children recess out of the sanctuary.

* Postlude
