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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Storybook Summer: *Waiting Is Not Easy*

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

More Love to Thee

by Wilhelmi

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: This is our inheritance:

P: It is hard to be attentive. It is hard to be patient. It is hard to wait.

L: We are Noah, waiting for rain, waiting for the rain to stop, waiting for the waters to recede, always waiting.

P: We are the Israelites, waiting and wandering in the desert.

L: We are Elijah, waiting for God's voice, expecting it in the wrong places.

P: We are the Psalmist, beckoning our hearts to be still before the Lord.

L: We are the prodigal son, disbelieving our Father waits patiently for us to return.

P: We are the disciples, waiting fearfully in the upper room.

L: We are believers in waiting expectantly, impatiently, and sometimes obliviously, for Christ's return.

P: But we are here, and we are waiting.

L: Let us awaken our hearts to worship attentively as we wait for God's voice.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 467 (UM Hymnal, vs. 1-3, see attached)** *Trust and Obey*

STAR WORD TESTIMONIAL

Carol Hartman

HYMN NO. 467 (UM Hymnal, v. 4, see attached)

Trust and Obey

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

ALL: We hear the words of the Psalmist: Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him. But we do not wait. Sometimes it is too hard. Sometimes we think it is too boring. Sometimes, we tell ourselves, we simply do not have enough time. We are impatient. We are unwilling, or too often, simply unable, to see the rewards for waiting. We see the dividends of activity. We say, "Our time is money." We pride ourselves on being too busy. We find our worth in activity, full calendars, and back-to-back meetings. Search us, O God, and know our hearts and thoughts. Take our flawed perspective and lead us in the way everlasting and teach us the value of stillness, of waiting. Remind us God, that your voice is one that is worth waiting for. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2081 (FWS)

Thank You, Jesus

ALL SING: Thank you, Jesus, Amen! Thank you, Jesus, Amen! Thank you, Jesus, Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

STORYBOOK SUMMER

Waiting is Not Easy

by Mo Willems

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

Proverbs 3:5-6; Romans 8:22-27

HYMN NO. 35

O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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SPECIAL MUSIC (Played by Victoria Visceglia)

Piece

by Ibert

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Offertory on Charlestown

by Davis

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (FWS #2223, vs. 2 & 3)

They'll Know We Are Christians

ALL SING: We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together
we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are
Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work
with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard human
dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by
our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 471 (black hymnal)

What a Covenant

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Go Forth with a Song

by Scott

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

NOTES

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We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Mary Jane Snyder's birthday by Dan and Nancy Kinard.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of my Uncle, Cliff Chronister, by Anne Henry.

Thank you to Anne Henry for serving as a substitute accompanist at both services.

Thank you to Victoria Visceglia for providing special music at both services.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Kathy & Bob Ensminger; Tim Snyder, and Jodi Graham

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Guy & Marty Wenck; Red & Ellie Arnold; Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

¹Worship outline by Elizabeth Sands Wise in "*Attentive Patience: Christian Reflection: a Series in Faith and Ethics*"

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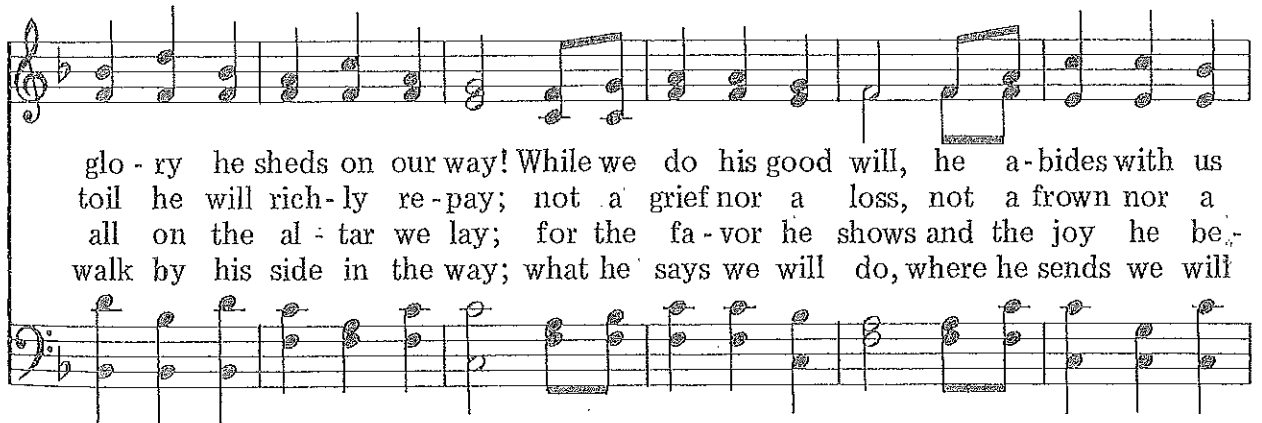
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Trust and Obey

Now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. Eph. 5:8



1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a
2. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, but our
3. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love un - til
4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

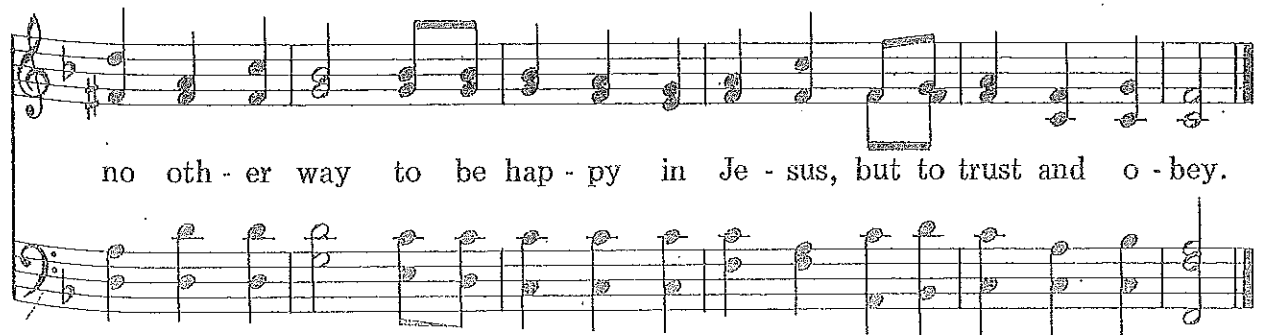


glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a - bides with us
toil he will rich - ly re - pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a
all on the al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows and the joy he be -
walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will

Refrain



still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.
cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
stows are for them who will trust and o - bey.
go - nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

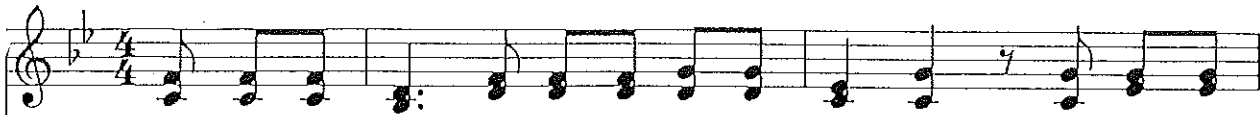


no oth - er way to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder

Carl Boberg, 1885

Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1994



1 O might-y God, when I sur-vey in won - der the world that
 2 When your voice speaks in rolls of thun-der peal - ing, your light-ning
 3 The Bi - ble tells the sto - ry of your bless - ing so free - ly
 4 And when, at last, the clouds of doubt dis - pers - ing, you will re -

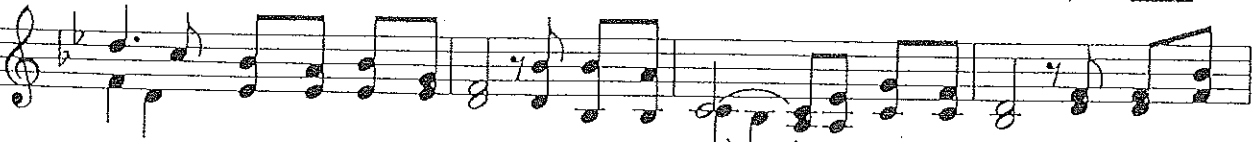
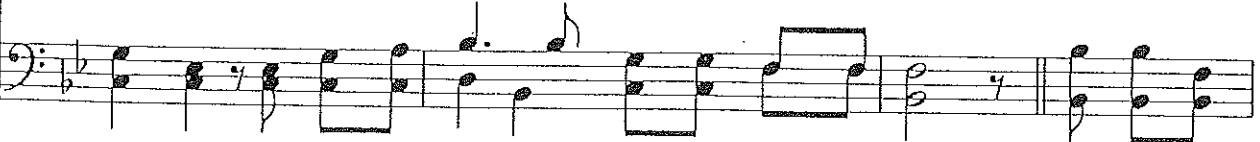


formed when once the word you said, The strands of life all wo-ven close to -
 pow - er bursts in bright sur - prise; When cool - ing rain, your gen - tle love re -
 shed up - on all hu - man life; Your con - stant mer - cy, ev - ery care ad -
 veal what we but dim - ly see; With trum - pet call, our great re - birth an -



Refrain

geth - er, the whole cre - a - tion at your ta - ble fed,
 veal - ing, re - flects your prom - ise, arc - ing through the skies, (1-3) My soul cries
 dress - ing, re - liev - ing bur - dened souls from sin and strife.
 nounc - ing, we shall re - join you for e - ter - ni - ty, (4) Then we will



out in songs of praise to you, O might-y God! O might-y God! My soul cries
 sing your praise for - ev - er more, O might-y God! O might-y God! Then we will



O MIGHTY GOD, WHEN I SURVEY IN WONDER #35 continued

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. The lyrics are: "out in songs of praise to you, O might-y God! O might-y God! sing your praise for - ev - er - more, O might-y God! O might-y God!"

Carl Boberg, a popular evangelical minister and teacher in Sweden, wrote his poem "O Store Gud" in the summer of 1885. Several years later, he was surprised to hear it sung with this old Swedish melody, with which it has been associated ever since. The first literal English translation by E. Gustav Johnson was published in the United States in 1925. The hymn also became known in Germany and Russia, where the British missionary Stuart K. Hine was inspired to create his English paraphrase known as "How great thou art." This translation and arrangement were created for The New Century Hymnal to restore the meaning and flavor of Boberg's original hymn.

Tune: O STORE GUD
11.10.11.10. with refrain
Swedish folk melody
Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

Deut. 33:27

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.

1 What a *cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing

Refrain

on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Or, "fellowship"

In a letter to two grieving friends, A. J. Showalter quoted Deuteronomy 33:27, "... underneath are the everlasting arms."

Tune: LEANING 5.5.9.D. with refrain
 Anthony J. Showalter, 1887