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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

This is My Story, This is My Song *When Peace, Like a River (It is Well With My Soul)*

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 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 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!

We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

It is Well With My Soul

by Bliss

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: In the face of a world that can sometimes be unforgiving, that can sometimes be violent and hurtful toward the vulnerable and the weak, Christ is at the head of the resurrection parade transforming our tears of betrayal into tears of joy, giving us dancing shoes for the resurrection party.

ALL: And this glittering joker, who has danced in the dragon's jaws of death, now dances with a dance that is full of nothing less than the fullness of God.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

One: This is the dance of the new creation, this is the dance of life out of death.
ALL: And in this dance all that was broken, all that was estranged, all that was alienated, all that was dislocated and disconnected is reconciled...
One: ...comes home, is healed...
ALL: ...and is made whole.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 436** (black hymnal)

God of Grace and God of Glory

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: O God, they may not be beaten down or lying by the side of the road, but there are people we pass by in our lives. Some are family and friends who we take so much for granted, we cannot see how we have stripped them of our love and compassion. Others are neighbors: who have been defeated by crushing work; who have fallen into the hands of despair; who have been abandoned by all those who walked past them. Many are strangers, people who we don't know but who we quickly judge: because they are weak, because they are poor, because they are the enemy, or because they remind us of who we once were, or who we could become. Rescue us from the power of our sins, O God of all generations. Pour out your justice on us, rather than your judgment, that we would be moved with pity and spurred to action; that we would hear of the hope that is ours and share it with our siblings in Christ; that we would shower mercy on all we meet, even as we have received forgiveness for our sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON²

One: Children of the Most High – you are forgiven and brought into the kingdom. Be filled with spiritual wisdom, lead lives worthy of your inheritance, bear fruit in all you say and do and think.

ALL: God has rescued us and redeemed us from our sins, setting aside judgement to shower us with mercy. We will go and do likewise. Thanks be to God. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2155 (FWS, v. 3, see p. 4)

Blest Are They^s

ALL SING: Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God! Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1: 15-23

MESSAGE

This is My Story, This is My Song: When Peace, Like a River (It is Well)

HYMN NO. 438 (black hymnal)

When Peace, Like a River (It is Well)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC (played by the Holy Dingalings) *O the Glory of Your Presence* by Fry
It is Well with My Soul by Bliss

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Cloud's Veil

by Lawton

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2022 (FWS, see p. 5)

Great Is the Lord

ALL SING: Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; by his power we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; by his mercy he proves his love. Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 448 (black hymnal)

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

*BENEDICTION

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** (tefrain)

When Peace, Like a River (It is Well)

ALL SING: It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

***POSTLUDE**

¹The Call to worship was originally written by Sylvia C. Keesmaat and Brian J. Walsh and is an excerpt from *targum 2: subversive poetry in a postmodern world col 1:15-20* – published in *Colossians Remixed: Subverting The Empire*. It was posted to the *re.worship* website at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/04/call-to-worship-dance-of-new-creation.html> from the *Jonny Baker's Worship Tricks* website at http://jonnybaker.blogs.com/jonnybaker/worship_tricks/wt82.html. Shared with permission for use in worship, accessed July 23, 2019.

²The prayer of confession and assurance of pardon were originally written by Thom Shuman, first posted on the *Lectionary Liturgies* website at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>. Posted with permission for use in worship at the *re.worship* website at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/06/confession-proper-10-c.html> accessed on July 23rd, 2019.

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⁴*Great is the Lord*. Words and music by Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith. © 1982 Meadowgreen Music Company. CCLI Song # 1149. CCLI License # 3220582.

Blest Are They

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are: "Blest are they who show mer-cy; mer-cy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. Re-joyce and be glad! Bless-ed are you, ho-ly are you! Re-joyce and be glad! Yours is the king-dom of God!"

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Great is the Lord

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Piano

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 6/8 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a piano dynamic marking and a tempo marking of quarter note = 80. The lyrics are: 'Great is the Lord, he is ho-ly and just; by his pow-er we trust in his'. The second staff starts at measure 4 and continues the lyrics: 'love. Great is the Lord, he is faith-ful and true; by his mer-cy he proves he is'. The third staff starts at measure 8 and continues: 'love. Great is the Lord and wor-thy of glo-ry! Great is the Lord and'. The fourth staff starts at measure 12 and continues: 'wor-thy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice'. The fifth staff starts at measure 16 and repeats the phrase: 'Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!'. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and a key signature change to one flat (B-flat) in the later staves.

Great is the Lord, he is ho-ly and just; by his pow-er we trust in his

4
love. Great is the Lord, he is faith-ful and true; by his mer-cy he proves he is

8
love. Great is the Lord and wor-thy of glo-ry! Great is the Lord and

12
wor-thy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice

16
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Aunt Janie's (Mary Jane Snyder) birthday by Brady, Justin, & Ryan Neal.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Nancy Sleeper's birthday, with love, from Drew, Danika, Holt, & Hayden Dallam.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of the wedding of Kirk Ensminger and Felicia Rodriguez by the family.

The bulletins are presented in honor of my fellow Holy Dingalings by Elaine Bevivino.

Thank you to the Holy Dingalings for providing special music at both services today. 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: Connie Wolfe

8 AM Welcome Team: Connie & John Wolfe, Tim Snyder, & Joan Masimore

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Robin Schriver, Elaine Bevivino, Sandy King; coordinated by Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal

10:30 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Beyer

10:30 AM Nursery: Alan Neff & Jess Crowell

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

CORE PLANNING SESSIONS 2019-2020

SPIRITUAL FORMATION PLANNING SESSION

Sun., August 11th at 9 AM

Council Liaison: Jason Shiffer

Spiritual formation is a critical part of developing one's faith at ALL ages. Join us in the discussion! Help us shape how we learn and grow together during this program year! Interested in developing adult education opportunities? Looking to discover how we can further engage our children in formation? This session will address those ideas and questions.

WORSHIP CORE PLANNING SESSION

Sun. August 11th at 11:30 AM

Council Liaison: Bonnie Murphy

This group will set the worship calendar for 2019-2020, including Messy Church dates, discuss worship themes, continue the discussion around technology in worship, and explore ways to welcome families and children to worship.

YOUTH CORE PLANNING SESSION

Sun. Aug. 11th at 6:00 PM

Council Liaison: Megan Merritt

This planning session will look at the ways that we can continue to both deepen and expand our youth ministry at Mt. Zion, including developing a ministry to young adults (ages 18-25). Developing youth Sunday and outreach is part of the agenda for this session. Youth AND adults are encouraged to attend!

COMMUNITY LIFE PLANNING SESSION

Sun. August 18th at 9 AM

Council Liaison: Lana Fritz

This planning session sets the fellowship calendar for 2020 and establishes the budget for these events. Activities include the Octoberfest, Lenten Dinners, Potluck Dinners, the all church picnic, plus our fellowship groups. If you have an interest in any of these events, please plan to attend.

OUTREACH PLANNING SESSION

Sun. August 25th at 9 AM

Council Liaison: Carrah Wagaman

This area of ministry encompasses our: Caring Ministry of Care Calls and providing meals; Welcome Teams for funerals and events other than worship; outreach activities such as a our care disciples team, and our Mt. Zion Website and pictorial directory. We will also explore advertising as well as welcoming new members. If you are interested in any of these activities or participate in them, join us for this annual review of events and to consider new activities to reach out to our community.

MISSION CORE PLANNING SESSION

Sun. August 25th at 11:30 AM

Council Liaison: Joe Vacante

This planning session establishes the monthly mission recipients for the coming year, selects recipients of donations such as school supplies, health kits, disaster relief buckets, and sets dates for Mr. Sandy's Helping Hands and dates to prepare meals at Ronald McDonald House. At this session, the Mission Core Team for 2020, that has oversight of the endowment fund distributions for mission, will be selected.

"Go Green" Sunday

August 18, 2019

2 pm to 4 pm

Shiloh UCC - 2251 Willow Rd.

Bring your family and friends, and come out and join us for a great time at this FREE eco-friendly, family event sponsored by the York Association Community Outreach Committee.

Free Shredder Truck

Free Hot Dogs & Beverages

Meatless Monday Vegetarian Soup & Chili Cook Off

Collect plastic bags to recycle

Climate Change Photo Booth

Ice Cream Truck

See and learn about an Electric Car

Interactive Activities for All Ages!

Climate Change Poster Contest

Illustrate a scripture verse related to creation, create an original cartoon related to climate change, advocacy poster, conservation or recycle message, or ideas about what we can do to stop climate change.

Posters will be on display at Shiloh UCC on Sun. Aug. 18th from 2 pm to 4 pm.

All ages are welcome to participate!

Artwork will be awarded prizes in the following groupings:

Kindergarten & Younger

1st - 4th Grade

5th - 8th Grade

9th - 12th Grade

Post High School

Artwork may be dropped off at Shiloh UCC, 2251 Willow Rd., York, Mon. thru Fri., Aug. 12 - 16, from 9 am to 3 pm .

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
 John Hughes, c. 1907

When Peace, Like a River

(It Is Well with My Soul)

Ps. 146; Col. 1:19-23; 2:13-14; 3 John 1:2

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; alt.

1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when
 2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let
 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
 4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have
 this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my
 sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the

Refrain
 taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul; It is
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

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

This hymn was written out of grief over the loss of the author's four daughters in the sinking of the SS Ville du Havre. After leaving his Chicago law practice, Horatio G. Spafford and his wife settled in Jerusalem.


Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9, with refrain
 Philip P. Bliss, 1876

Take My Life, God, Let It Be



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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.


Rom. 12:1



1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow: let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.



Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.



Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."

Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.
Justin H. Knecht, 1797
Alternate tune: HENDON