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**Prelude:** "It is Well with My Soul" arr. Barnwell

Stacie Link, harp solo

Emilia Stage, acolyte

## Welcome/Greeting

**Call to Worship:** "It is Well with My Soul" ELW #785

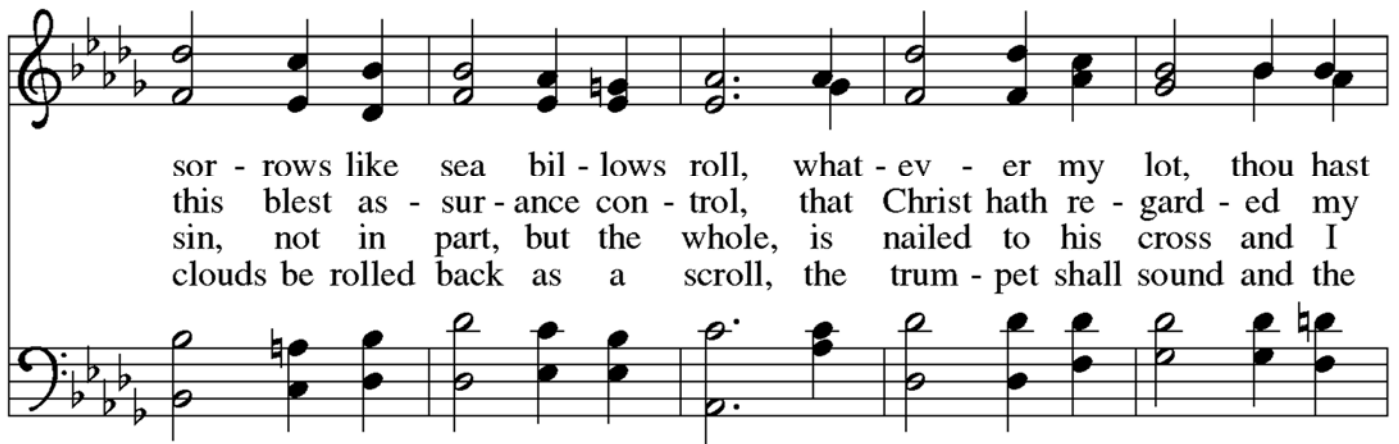
All are invited to sing versus 1, 2, and 4.

## When Peace, like a River

*It Is Well with My Soul*



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

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

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888  
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God,  
 the God of manna,  
 the God of miracles,  
 the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
 let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Reading - Ephesians 1:3-14**

*Lector: Jim Stage*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for

adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,<sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace<sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight<sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,<sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.<sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,<sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.<sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;<sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### **Gospel Acclamation: "Spirit, Open Our Hearts"**

*Presenter: Carol Vincent; congregation joins on repeat*

Spirit, open our hearts to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may we love, in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open our hearts.

### **Gospel Reading - Mark 6:14-29**

The Gospel according to Mark

#### **Glory to You, O Lord**

King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king

sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Sermon

**Response in Music:** "Sometimes Our Only Song is Weeping" ACS #1050

*Presenter: Carol Vincent; congregation joins on verse 2*

# Sometimes Our Only Song Is Weeping



1 Some-times our on - ly song is weep - ing; our on - ly  
2 Some-times we catch the faint-est hum - ming, a far - off



sound is gasp - ing breath. Some-times it seems that God is  
tune our hearts know well. Some-times we sense the Spir - it



sleep - ing while our brief lives are bound in death.  
com - ing. Our song re - turns; our voic - es swell.





Who hears the song                    our sor-rows swal-low                    and of-fers  
The Spir-it sings                    though we are shak-en,                    and Christ has



hope to calm our fears?                    When all our words seem frail and  
shared our heart-felt cries.                    Re-stored, our wea-ry souls a-



hol-low,                    God heeds the prayers                    with-in our tears.  
wak-en                    to join God's song                    that nev-er dies.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: WAYFARING STRANGER, North American traditional

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## Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

## **The Meal**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Commune**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**



## Announcements

### Blessing

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
+ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ELW #807

*All are invited to sing.*

### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813



**Postlude:** *“After the Garden’s Been Planted”* arr. Sharon Thormalen  
Stacie Link, harp solo

After the garden is planted and done,  
After the rest from my work has begun,  
As I look around and see,  
All you’ve done for me,  
Blessings given with each day,  
This I have to say...

Thank you for these gifts,  
Simple pleasures found,  
Work and rest,  
And happiness,  
A joy that fills me so completely  
And I thank you.

Now I can rest knowing I’m in your care,  
Warmly embraced,  
I find solace there,  
Wrapped up in your loving arms,  
Strengthened and secure  
I am thankful for this day  
And this I have to say...

Thank you for these gifts,  
Simple pleasures found,  
Work and rest,  
And happiness,  
A joy that fills me so completely  
And I love you.



## **Prayers for Healing**

If you have a prayer request, please email [pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org) or [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org), or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

*Prayers for the family and friends of +Edith Bloomquist*

*Prayers for the family and friends of +Donna Peterson*

Easton Farrington  
James Stephens  
Fred Samuelson  
Harlen Johnsen  
Jim Pappas  
Janeen Driscoll  
Jaylee Bartleson  
Larry Christian  
Julie Sutherland

Jeff Sebring  
*son-in-law of Ernie and  
Marlene Ruhde*  
Norma Gandrup  
Linda Horn  
Glenda Day  
Sheila Collingwood  
*Lyndsey De Vos’ mother*  
Lynn Harris  
George Forsyth

Cassie Harrell  
Cooper Leeman  
Jan Cook  
Margie Nahnsen  
John Snitko  
*son-in-law of Bob and  
Liz Meimann*  
Ginny Hausner  
Ken Johnson  
Camden Kelsey

# Announcements

## Saturday Evening Worship Resumes August 7th

As we continue to offer in-person worship, we are happy to announce that this will also include the 5:00 Saturday evening services, beginning August 7th. All are welcome!

## MLC Expanded Office Hours

Beginning Monday, August 12th, the church office will be staffed 8:00—4:00 Monday through Friday. Please feel free to stop by and say “hello!”

## Apply for an Endowment Fund Grant

Is your head brimming with creative projects to serve our congregation, community, or even the world, but you need a little help getting those ideas off the ground? We invite you to apply for a Ministry Endowment Grant! Applications with more details are available on [mlcnevada.org](http://mlcnevada.org) or in the Narthex. We can't wait to see your ideas!

## Mark Your Calendars—Home Communion Minister Training July 25th

If you have been a home communion minister in the past or would like to learn more about this ministry, we will be having Home Communion Minister Training after church on Sunday, July 25th (approximately 10:00 — 11:00am). This is a very special way of reaching out to those in our congregation who aren't able to join us for in-person worship, but still wish to partake in Communion.

## Vacation Bible School 2021—St. Patrick's Church

Get on board this summer with St. Patrick's Vacation Bible School program: “Rocky Railway—Jesus' Power Pulls us Through”. Kids entering K-6th grade are invited to attend VBS July 11—14 from 6:00—8:00 at St. Patrick's. The cost is \$10 for individuals or \$15 per family. Flyers are available in the Narthex.

## Seeking Part-time Custodian

We have been so grateful over the years for the faithful custodial work of Fred Alderson. *THANK YOU*, Fred! At this time, he has discerned taking a step back from this role. While we will miss Fred, we are currently looking for someone to fill a part-time custodial role. The position will be a flexible 10-15 hours per week and will include cleaning, setup, and other support as needed.

Please call the church office at **515-382-6509** or email Emily Dalthorp at [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org)



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