

Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024

Piano prelude: Prelude in C minor

J.S. Bach

***Hymn: A Mighty Fortress is our God**

No. 315

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A refuge never failing;
Our Helper sure amid the flood
Or mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
Yet seeks to work us woe;
With craft and power and great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not a Saviour on our side,
The One of God's own choosing:
Who is the Saviour, who?
Christ Jesus, living true.
Lord Sabaoth by Name,
From age to age the same,
Already wins the battle.

3. And though this world, with evil filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed

the truth to triumph through us:

The powers of death and hell our God will surely quell,
Their rage we can endure,
For look! their doom is sure,
One little word will fell them.

4. That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abiding:
Ensures that all God's gifts are ours,
through Christ in us residing,
whose summons rings above all goods,
all earthly love.
Earth's powers waste away;
God's word endures always,
Whose reign will last forever.

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We come to worship as people who have busy lives full of various concerns and stresses.

We come to worship as people longing for an ever deeper peace within.

Our world tells us we are never enough, we should be more and do more.

Many of us are one step from burnout or weighed down by worries about our health, finances, relationships or people in our lives.

Come to us as we worship you this hour, O God. Fill us afresh with your peace in our hearts, our minds and our bodies.

ALL: Let us worship God, together!

***Hymn: What a friend we have in Jesus**

No. 746

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear;
what a privilege to carry
every thing to God in prayer.
Oh what peace we often forfeit,
oh what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The 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,
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you

(Children are invited to join in programming following the Passing of the Peace)

Choir: Jesu, joy of heart desiring

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Jesu, joy of hearts desiring,

Holy wisdom, love most bright;

*Drawn by thee with souls aspiring
soar to uncreated light.*

*Word of God, our flesh that fashion'd
with the fire of life impassion'd,
Striving still to truth unknown,
soaring, dying round thy throne.*

*Through the way where Hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings;
Where the flock, in thee confiding,
drink of joy from deathless springs.*

*Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,
theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own,
in the love of joys unknown.*

Scripture Readings: Matthew 11: 25-30

Jennifer Orbanic

Sermon: PEACE AMIDST CHAOS

Hannah Athanasiadis

(Silent Meditation)

Duet: Let there be peace on Earth

Jill Jackson-Miller
& Sy Miller

Soloists Christy Smith and Shaun Alphonso

*Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be*

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*With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony*

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Brothers are all we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony*

*Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow*

*Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow*

*To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me*

*To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

***Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace**

No. 740

1. Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred
let me bring your love; where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace: where there's despair in life
let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3. O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace: it is in pardoning
that we are pardoned, in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Benediction

***Threefold Amen**

Organ postlude: A mighty fortress is our God

Walther

**Remain seated if you are more comfortable*

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Coming Events

Sunday, October 27

Reformation Sunday

Join us following worship for lunch and a presentation from our refugee sponsorship family - the Ahmadis. A sharing of their story out of Afghanistan

Monday, October 28

Dance Fitness, 10:00am

Tuesday, October 29

Literary Society, "Dazzle Patterns" by Alison Watt, 7:30pm In Person and Online

Wednesday, October 30

"Where Is God in the Face Of Human Suffering & Injustice? The Biblical Book of Job: A Study" 7:30pm

Saturday, November 2

Coffee Hour Baking Club – Apple Pie Baking

Sunday, November 3

Communion of Saints Sunday

Monday, November 4

Dance fitness, 10:00am

Wednesday, November 6

"Where Is God in the Face Of Human Suffering & Injustice? The Biblical Book of Job: A Study" 7:30pm

Sunday, November 10

Remembrance Sunday
Intergenerational Band Rehearsal

Monday, November 11

Dance fitness, 10:00am

Wednesday, November 13

"Where Is God in the Face Of Human Suffering & Injustice? The Biblical Book of Job: A Study" 7:30pm

Friday, November 15

PA Day Camp

Sunday, November 17

Anniversary Sunday
Intergenerational Band Rehearsal

Monday, November 18

Dance fitness, 10:00am



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