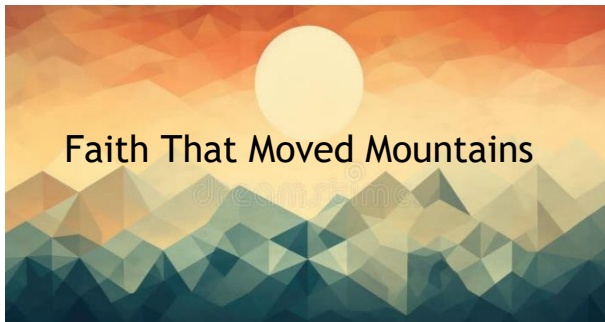


Sunday, August 23, 2026

Summer Series #11
"I Feel the Earth Move"



Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE *We Believe*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says,
"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 735
Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

1 **Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**

2 **Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.**

3 **Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: In you, Father Almighty, we have our preservation and our bliss. In you, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving. You are our mother, brother, and savior. In you, our Lord the Holy Spirit, is marvelous and plenteous grace. You are our maker, our lover, our keeper.

C: Teach us to believe that by your grace all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well. Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

FIRST READING: ESTHER 4:4-17

Esther agrees to help the Jews

⁴When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. ⁵Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. ⁶Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, ⁷and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews.

⁸Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and to entreat him for her people.

⁹Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai: ¹¹"All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that, if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law: to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days." >>

¹²When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, ¹³Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this."

¹⁵Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶"Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish."

¹⁷Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 113 We read responsively

L: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

C: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

C: The LORD is high above all nations and his glory above the heavens.

L: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high?

C: Who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

L: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

C: To make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

L: He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

C: Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: ROMANS 16:1-7, 16

Greet one another

¹I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, ²so that you may welcome her in the Lord, as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

³Greet Prisca and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus, ⁴who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but also all the churches of the gentiles. ⁵Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. ⁶Greet Mary, who has worked very hard for you. ⁷Greet Andronicus and

Junia, my fellow Israelites who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

¹⁶Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

◆ GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-45

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Mary visits Elizabeth

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

PLEASE BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Pastor D.J. Chatelaine*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION *"You are invited to bring your painted rock to add to the display in the front of the sanctuary."*

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 251

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

1 **My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord;
I sing my Savior's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness,
and I am full of grace.
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age
this blessing shall proclaim—
great wonders you have done for me,
and holy is your name.**

2 **To all who live in holy fear
your mercy ever flows.
With mighty arm you dash the proud,
their scheming hearts expose.
The ruthless you have cast aside,
the lowly throned instead;
the hungry filled with all good things,
the rich sent off unfed.** > > v.3

- 3 To Israel, your servant blest,
your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made
their children will secure.
Sing glory to the Holy One,
give honor to the Word,
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High,
one God, by all adored.

◆ 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

◆ OFFERING SONG vs.3 ACS 1024

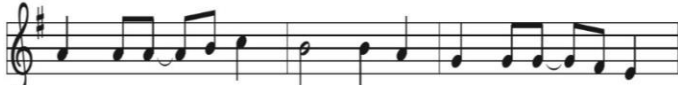
Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

SING REFRAIN BEFORE & AFTER VERSE

REFRAIN



Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand, He's the



sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my



life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

VERSE 3



3 When my days on this earth are done, and I



stand at God's ho-ly throne, my heart will not have an-y



fear; in Christ's righ-teous-ness I am here.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

C: Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

ELW 477

I Received the Living God

Refrain I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy. I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

1 Jesus said: I am the bread, kneaded long to give you life; you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. *Refrain*

2 Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you; so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. *Refrain*

3 Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me. You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. *Refrain*

4 Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow, but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. *Refrain*

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.

C: Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

◆ SENDING SONG ELW 613
Thy Holy Wings

- 1 **Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.**
- 2 **Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.**
- 3 **Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.**

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near.
Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *The SOLID ROCK*

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CALENDAR

SUN AUG 23

9 am WORSHIP
10 am Coffee
10 am *Worship Slide Training*

TUE AUG 25

7 pm KAIC

WED AUG 26

2 pm *Grief Support @ Angie's*
5:30 pm Outdoor Supper & Worship
& *Backpack Blessing*

THU AUG 27

1 pm LOVE DAY

FRI AUG 28

6:30 pm AA

SUN AUG 30

9 am WORSHIP
10 am Coffee
10:15 am *Revelation Bible Study*



The **Puzzle Exchange Room** is *almost* ready. Donated puzzles can be put in the labeled totes at church entries, or on the Blue Shelf in the Puzzle Room (upstairs south classroom) Puzzles become church property. Puzzles for all ages welcome.