



**BE
STILL
AND KNOW
THAT
I AM
GOD**

~Psalm 46

November 15, 2020
9:00 / 10:30 a.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 15, 2020 – 9:00/10:30 a.m.
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Theme: Silence

As We Gather

One reason we can hardly bear to remain silent is that it makes us feel so helpless. We are so accustomed to relying upon words to manage and control others. If we are silent, who will take control? God will take control, but we will never let Him take control until we trust Him. Silence is intimately related to trust. The tongue is our most powerful weapon of manipulation. A frantic stream of words flows from us because we are in a constant process of adjusting our public image. We fear so deeply what we think other people see in us that we talk in order to straighten out their understanding. If I have done some wrong thing (or even some right thing that I think you may misunderstand) and discover that you know about it, I will be very tempted to help you understand my action! Silence is one of the deepest disciplines of the Spirit simply because it puts the stopper on all self-justification. (Richard J. Foster, Seeking the Kingdom, HarperOne)

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, I offer you this moment of silence. This moment is for You. I consent to Your action in my mind, and in my heart, in my will, and in my soul. I welcome Your action! And to prepare myself, to make room for You, I will sit here, quietly, with my eyes closed, in an attitude of peaceful rest and loving devotion, my intent is to welcome You. I will slow down my thoughts and my imagination, I will calm down my fears and my emotions, I will try to exercise patience and humility and I offer you these feeble efforts. I lift up my soul to You, whispering in my heart and in my mind, "Here I am! Quiet but attentive to You." In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you share our beliefs regarding the Lord's Supper, we welcome you to our altar. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer or de-alcoholized wine, please let the Pastor or Elder know when you are at the table. Non-communing children and adults may receive a blessing from the Pastor, indicated by folding your arms across your chest as a sign you are not communing.

Prelude

Rick Helderop

Call to Worship

Nobody - Hall/West/Herms

Redeemer Praise

Amy and Steve SeGraves, vocalists; Brian Buckmaster, drums;
Greg Weipert, guitar/bass; Rick Helderop, keyboard

Opening Hymn 388 Just as I Am, Without One Plea

1. Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I
come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Order of Service for Holy Communion

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

P&C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 46

(God is our Security)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Luke 5:12-16

(Jesus Heals a Man with Leprosy)

While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him. Then Jesus ordered him, "Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn 651

Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He hath the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul, tho' dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe thy sorrows and thy fears.
Be still, my soul; thy Jesus can repay
From His own fulness all He takes away.

Sermon

Text: Psalm 46

“Silence is never easy!”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Prayer of the Church

We thank and praise You, heavenly Father, for all the spiritual blessings and human joys You continually shower upon us. For adopting us through Christ to be members of Your heavenly family, we give You thanks. For permitting us to live in the companionship of our earthly family, we praise Your holy name. Grant the gift of Your Holy Spirit to each member of our family that we may live in the spirit of love and forgiveness. May Your Spirit also permeate the hearts of all who are members of Your spiritual family, the Church. Grant wisdom and understanding to our nation's leaders in all branches of government, that our laws and the interpretation of those laws may help preserve the family in our society. Bless all those who call on you, and today we remember: (petitions spoken by the pastor).

Communion Liturgy

The Lord's Prayer

P: 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;

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution (spoken by the Pastor)

The Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

The Agnus Dei

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

- ✠ The wafers are in plastic bags with 1 to 3 wafers in each bag.
- ✠ The wine is in individual plastic containers with lids.
- ✠ Each family unit will be invited forward by an usher to receive the elements after they are blessed.
- ✠ We will have two tables to serve two groups at a time.
- ✠ Pastor or Elder (masked) will bring the appropriate count of the elements to the table. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer or de-alcoholized wine, please let the Pastor or Elder know when you are at the table. You will then proceed to serve yourself the Body and Blood of Christ.
- ✠ Once done, you will take plastic bags and the containers with lids and place them in the receptacle that will be near the tables and you will go back to your seats.
- ✠ We will do this in a most reverent manner. I know it will seem strange to celebrate the Eucharist in such a different way than we are accustomed,

but our goal is to be as safe as we can and not put anyone's health in jeopardy.

✝ If you do not feel comfortable receiving communion then please do not come forward. We want our worship environment to feel safe for all.

Communion Anthem Lead Me to the Cross – Fraser
Redeemer Praise

Amy and Steve SeGraves, vocalists; Brian Buckmaster, drums;
Greg Weipert, guitar/bass; Rick Helderop, keyboard

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn 262 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(Favorite hymn of Leslie Toth, Julie Glazier, Mary Lou Mabee, Alida Toth, Karen Carson, Bonnie Moore, Kathy Mammel, Nancy Tar, Greg Merryman, David Pflieger, Jimmy Greenwalt, Susan Dickey, Rosemary Ging)

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need that hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil Foe now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might are His dread arms in fight;
On earth is not His equal.
2. With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, and there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.
3. Tho' devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill, they shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by the Fred and Jeanne Hollis family in sacred honor to our God and with love and honor to all who have ever served their country from its inception. May God bless them and may God bless America. Sanctuary lectern flowers were placed by Dick and Judy Weir in memory of our lovely daughter Jennifer Sullivan (10-5-2019).

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9:00 - Brian Fish and Neil Martin

10:30 - Tim Holmes

Acolytes

9:00 - Colin Amos

10:30 - Mac McCulloch and Georgia Lewis