

PRELUDE

Adagio, from Chorale No. 3

César Franck

CALL to WORSHIP

One: For centuries the poetry of the Psalmist has been sung by people of faith.

Many: **God is our shepherd from mountain tops to valley moments to every place in-between.**

One: God is the One who evokes and provokes a joyful noise.

Many: **We long for God like a deer looks for life-giving water.**

One: We lift our eyes to the mountains of clouds to experience the One who enfolds and holds us.

Many: **We celebrate today is the day God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia and Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

When Peace Like a River

#438

When peace, like a river, upholds me each day, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain **It is well (*it is well*) with my soul, (*with my soul*)
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come, let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has paid life and blood for my soul: *Refrain*

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought my sin not in part, but the whole –
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord O my soul! *Refrain*

O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when clouds are rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall appear, "even so" it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, in these moments we ask that you help us to quiet our minds and still our spirits. May we hear your peaceful voice within us, that gives us rest and comfort. Just as we are, we come to you knowing that you are the one who gives us strength, and hope and a safe place when our lives become unsettled. Touch us now in this hour with your grace and peace, as we acknowledge that you are and will always be our rock, our fortress, our refuge, and our salvation. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

SUNG RESPONSE

Be Still and Know

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.
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ENGAGING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 62:1-8

¹For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. ²He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken. ³How long will you assail a person, will you batter your victim, all of you, as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence? ⁴Their only plan is to bring down a person of prominence. They take pleasure in falsehood; they bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. ⁵For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. ⁶He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. ⁷On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. ⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

SERMON

A Safe Place

Rev. Dr. David Pitt

ANTHEM

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Alan Ridout

PASTOR PRAYER and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

#488

Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best eternal friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: for God will undertake to guide in future days as in the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know Jesus' power ruled them long ago.

Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here when we shall be with God whom we adore,
with disappointment gone, no grief nor fear, sorrow replaced with joy forever more.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in F

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