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# Larchmont Avenue Church

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May 7, 2023  
**YOUTH SUNDAY**

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch  
Director of Music: Douglas Kostner

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 7, 2023

PRELUDE

*Divertimento in D: Adagio*  
John Sykes, cello & Ben Wien, piano

Franz Joseph Haydn

WELCOME

Ronan West

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, welcome!

**Welcome to this place of love and grace.**

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.**

We are welcome just as we are.

**We are loved just as we are.**

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

\*OPENING HYMN 353

*"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

William DeFelice

**Gracious and loving God, we stand before You today as sinners in need of redemption and grace. So much of our time and energy goes into projecting positive images of ourselves. We want others to think that we are strong, smart, and independent. Our desire is for the people in our lives to see us as a "success." And yet every single day we fail to do that which we know is right, and we continue to do that which we know is wrong. Forgive us and help us celebrate the fact that You loved us enough to sacrifice Your only Son on the cross and, as a result, we no longer need to impress You and others. Forgive us for when we fail to remember that we are enough, just as we are. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

\*THE PEACE

Elise Carpenter

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)* Jack Bowerman  
**Lord, as your Word is read and proclaimed, let us hear your voice. Open our hearts and minds to your wondrous love, and silence in us any voice but your own. Amen.**

PSALTER Psalm 139:1-18

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kate Bynum

VOLUNTARY *How Can I Keep from Singing* Larry Shackley  
Ben Wien, piano

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 3:1-6 Luke West

SERMON Melanie Huang

\*HYMN 821 *"My Life Flows On"*

CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

INTRODUCTION OF 2023 CONFIRMANDS

Ellie Bowerman, Hana El Khoury, Olivia Gray, Hannah Kindig, Gabe Millard, Ian O'Connor, Casey Rosenthal, and Sarah Vrooman

CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Luke West

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.**

...with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS *(congregation singing)*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might,***

***Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!***

***Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!***

... *Great is the mystery of faith.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

***Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.***

***Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

Thank you to the Youth Deacons for serving communion: Kate Bynum, Elise Carpenter, Katie Sykes, Ronan West

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Jacques Berthier  
Melanie Huang, flute & John Sykes, cello

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Katie Sykes

**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.**

THE GREAT AMEN

*(congregation singing)*

***Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!***

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Elise Carpenter

*Financial gifts may be shared electronically via the Realm Connect app or by scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.*



OFFERTORY

*It is Well with My Soul*  
Melanie Huang, flute & Ben Wien, piano

Rebecca Bonam

\*DOXOLOGY

*Hymn 609*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit, one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

John Sykes

\*HYMN 840

*"It is Well with My Soul"*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The Solid Rock*  
Ben Wien, piano

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,  
but there is no expectation that you remain seated at this time. Please join us for Coffee  
Hour in Russell Hall!*

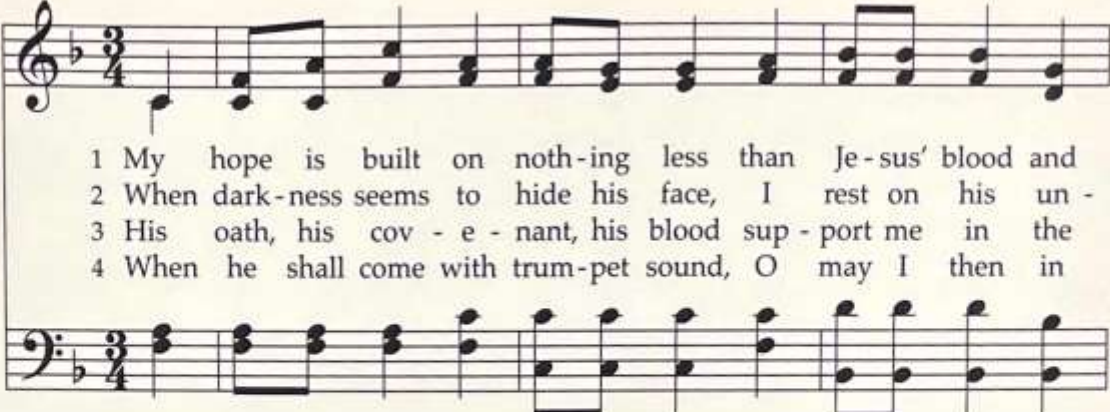
*\* please stand if you are able*

**Thank you to the following middle schoolers for serving as our ushers and greeters:**  
Ellie Bowerman, Nash Bowerman, Jake Halliley, Sophie Halliley, Hannah Kindig, James  
Manice, Walker Moore, Ari Reynolds, James Ryden, John Ryden


### MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The flowers** this morning are given by Judith and Ernest Wong in celebration of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and in honor of the youth and confirmands of LAC!
- **Nursery Care:** is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below.
- **Sunday School:** No Sunday School this week! Children are encouraged to attend the Youth Sunday service. There are “Worship Wiggle Bags” in the back of the sanctuary.

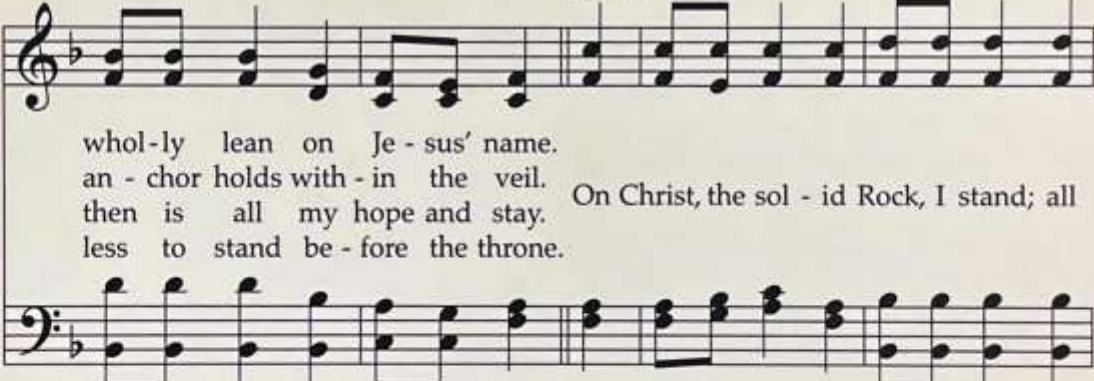
## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353




1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-  
 3 His oath, his cov-e-nant, his blood sup-port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ-teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, fault-

*Refrain*


whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.  
 an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be-fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27/Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

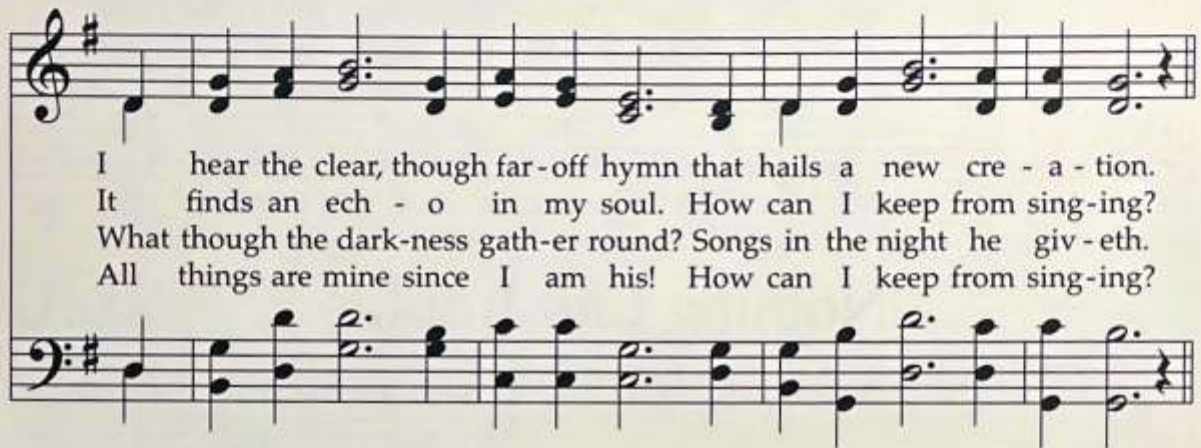
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# My Life Flows On

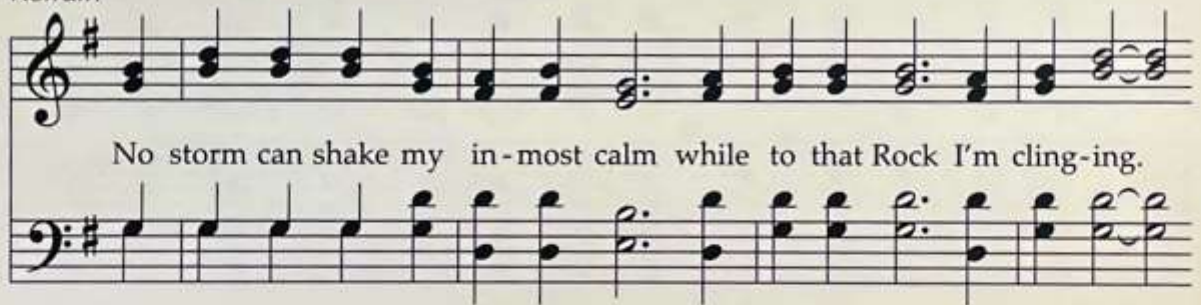
## How Can I Keep from Singing?



1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*


No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

# 840 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: O 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 the 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 with my soul;

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.