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DISCIPLESHIP

AUGUST 20

STILLNESS



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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 20, 2023

PRELUDE

Finlandia

Laura Bergquist

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

CALL TO WORSHIP

By your wisdom, O Lord, you created the world and everything in it

Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth may change, the mountains may tremble, and the waters of the sea may roar and foam.

By your power, O Lord, you have delivered us from evil in every age.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

By your mercy, O Lord, you have promised never to forsake us,

“Be still,” says the Lord, “and know that I am God!”

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*OPENING HYMN 819

Be Still, My Soul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in unison)

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Christ our Lord, you call your disciples to follow you,

but we have wandered from the paths of righteousness.

You urge us to be still, and to trust that you are God, but our faith is weak and we are slow to trust. We live as if we are still slaves to sin. We are shackled by our own self-interest. We are bound by prejudice and held captive by fear.

Forgive us, O Lord. Give us courage to follow. Speak to us again, and write your Word upon our hearts, so that we might live in your Spirit and be your true disciples...

prayer)

(time for silent

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn 581

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Claunch

Christ the Good Shepherd, as we prepare to open, read, and proclaim your Word, help us to hear your voice and answer your call. Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

NT, p.175

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Bynum

ANTHEM

The Greatest of These
Kreshnik Zhabaku, soloist

Roberta Bitgood

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love I am become as a sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the prophecy, and understand all mysteries; and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing. Love suffereth long and is kind; love envieth not; love vaulteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things. Love never faileth. But whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; and whether there be tongues, they shall cease; and whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. But love never faileth. And now abideth hope, faith, love, these three. But the greatest of these is love.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 46

OT, p.517-518

SERMON

Stillness

Rev. Bynum

*HYMN 124

Still, Still, Still

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Claunch

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and power and 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

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

Still, Still, Still
Rich Williams, trombone

Kristin Campbell

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 607

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (verses 1, 4, 5, 6 only)*

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Claunch

POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lloyd Larson

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated at this time.*

**please stand if you are able*

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's flowers have been given by Peter Bynum in thanksgiving and celebration of Peter and Stephanie's 24th wedding anniversary.

Your voice and presence would be a gift to our worship! If you would be willing to be a liturgist, please scan the QR code to the right or email the office at broodal@lacny.org.

If you are interested in **sponsoring flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, please either scan the QR code to the right or contact the office at broodal@lacny.org to sign-up for an upcoming Sunday!



Nursery Care: ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Lindsley/Russell Hall)

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00 pm Trustees (Lindsley Room)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

3:15 pm At Home on the Sound-(Lindsley Room)

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Library)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)

7:30 pm Westchester Chorale (Russell Hall)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley Room)

7:00 pm Summer Women's Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)



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Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Still, Still, Still

124

1 Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill! The vir - gin's
 2 Sleep, sleep, sleep, he lies in slum - ber deep while an - gel

ten - der arms en - fold - ing, warm and safe the child are hold - ing.
 hosts from heaven come wing - ing, sweet - est songs of joy are sing - ing.

Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill.
 Sleep, sleep, sleep, he lies in slum - ber deep.

The great virtue of this Austrian carol is its sheer simplicity, which is reinforced by the re-use of the first two lines as the last two. This narrow scope makes the text into the verbal equivalent of a close-up photograph or painting, so that the sleeping child seems very near.

TEXT: Austrian carol; trans. George K. Evans, 1963

MUSIC: Austrian carol; arr. Walter Ehret, 1963

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STILL, STILL, STILL

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687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; sol - li - cious is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

at - tern - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home;
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same,
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to the first line named for the London parish where the composer was organist.