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3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640  
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ELW #755

## HYMN SING

ELW #773

### Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is ... al - most gone,  
and the day is ... past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, prec - cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993  
Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey  
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### Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver  
2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst  
3 When at last I near the shore, and the

life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me  
hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy  
fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful

roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and  
will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous  
rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I

com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818-1888  
Music: PILOT, John Edgar Gould, 1822-1875

## WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #596

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;  
2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



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

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.  
Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord Jesus, you came to your disciples in the darkest hours, walking upon the restless sea. You spoke peace into their fear and courage into their uncertainty. Come to us today. Place your Word upon our lips and your hope within our hearts, that we may boldly confess your name and joyfully share your saving love with the world. For you alone are Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18**

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*On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God’s presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.*

*The reading is concluded:*  
Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 85:8-13**

- <sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.
- <sup>9</sup> Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.
- <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup> Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- <sup>12</sup> The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup> Righteousness shall go before the Lord  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.

**SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15**

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*A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God’s saving actions.*

*The reading is concluded:*  
Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33**

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*Matthew’s gospel typically portrays Jesus’ disciples as people of “little faith,” who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.*

*After the reading:*  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Laurie Kenyon-Woods

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #756

Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.  
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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 THE PEOPLE

Merciful God,  
receive our prayer.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

*Offer a sign of peace with those around you*

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, everything we have has first come from your gracious hand. Receive these gifts and receive our lives. May our hands become hands of compassion, our voices become voices of hope, and our lives become living testimonies to the saving love of Jesus Christ. In his holy name we pray. **Amen.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
**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.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the**  
**glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

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| <i>When Peace Like A River</i>      | ELW #785 |
| <i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i> | ELW #632 |

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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—oh, 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 his 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.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888  
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that 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 op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

BENEDICTION

May God the Father, whose promises never fail, steady your heart with hope.

May Jesus Christ, who walks upon every storm and reaches out with saving hands,  
fill you with courage to trust him wherever he leads.

May the ☩ Holy Spirit place God's Word upon your lips, strengthen your faith  
within your heart, and send you into the world to proclaim the good news with  
beautiful feet and joyful lives. **Amen.**

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last-ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last-ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last-ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.  
Walk by faith.  
Trust the Savior.  
Share the gospel.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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