

6:30 – 6:40am: Praise Song

-During this time, we will learn a new praise song that invites us to open our hearts before God

It Is Well – Kristene DiMarco

https://youtu.be/8Wb_WD1emFQ?si=vPs29F8GjUsua1Pg

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Grander earth has quaked before
Moved by the sound of His voice
And seas that are shaken and stirred
Can be calmed and broken for my regard

So let go my soul and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name
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And through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all
It is well

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And through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
And it is well, with me

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

Far be it from me to not believe
Even when my eyes can't see
And this mountain that's in front of me
Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

Cause through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
Through it all, through it all
It is well

And through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all
It is well

Through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
It is well, it is well, with me

And through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
And it is well, it is well

6:40 – 6:50am: Scripture Reading & Devotional

Today's reading comes from [John 17:1-11](#).

In this morning's scripture passage, Jesus moves from giving his final words to his disciples to praying over them. Jesus says this later in the chapter, but Jesus prays aloud for the sake of the disciples to hear and to be comforted.

There are few prayers of Jesus recorded in the Bible, and this is one of them.

Jesus starts his prayer by giving glory to God.

Especially in times of struggle or difficulty, it is easy to get lost from focusing on the situation and circumstances. But when we do that, we are susceptible to react with emotions (specifically, fear) instead of trusting in the Holy Spirit to guide us.

One way to move from fear into trusting God is to focus on God. God's glory. God's magnificence. God's power. God's compassion. God's love.

God gave us Jesus. And Jesus pointed us towards God. Jesus showed us that God is generous. That God is the source of life. God can heal and restore, and even bring life out of death.

By focusing on God, the struggles around us become small enough to hand them over to God. It's like when you take a moment to look up at a vast starry sky. As you look at the stars, you ponder how these stars are billions of light years away. Of the endless space of the universe. That on this earth, we are but a speck of dust, a flower that fades away in a day.

But the God who created all of the vastness of space, also created us. Has always considered us his own. God had entrusted us to Jesus. And Jesus is with us in this very moment. And it is Jesus who prays for us, asking the God who created the universe, to protect us.

Let us surrender to Jesus, knowing that Jesus prays over us. That we belong to him. That the God who created infinite outer space, is also the God who holds our lives in his hands.

And no matter how big the problem, no matter how scary the situation, no matter how exhausting, God is protecting us. For Jesus conquered the grave and gives us new life.

6:50 – 7:10am: Prayer

First, pray for peace across the world. Pray for the end of war and violence. For the end of bloodshed and conflict. For lasting peace and reconciliation. For the restoration and rebuilding of broken communities.

Secondly, pray for our country and community. That our community may thrive. That we may come together and work together to build up our community, so that all who live, work, and play here may have all that they need to thrive.

Thirdly, pray for our church so that we may grow. That we may be bold to invite everyone to come and worship God. That we may serve our community with the ministries God has entrusted to us.

Lastly, pray for open hearts to feel God's presence and protection. That God's promise is engraved into our very souls, that even in the fiercest storms, we can trust in the God who created us, who saved us from sin and death, who is with us so that we may live.

7:10 – to whenever: Personal prayer time

-During this time, there will be gentle instrumental music that will play in the background and all are invited to stay as long as they wish in prayerful posture, lifting up everything into God's hands.