

An Order for the Worship of God

4th Sunday after Pentecost June 20, 2021 Paraments – Red
10:45 a.m. Live-Stream/In-Person

Gathering Music (10:30) Mrs. Trish Foy

Invocation

Voluntary *Andante Semplice* E. Tomlinson

***Gospel Lesson** Mark 4:35-41

***Call to Worship** Dr. Jan McNair

Leader: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

All: **What have we to fear?**

Leader: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

All: **Of whom shall we be afraid?**

Leader: Rise up, people of God,
for you are loved and saved.

All: **Thanks be to God
who cares deeply for us. Amen!**

***Hymn 110** *A Mighty Fortress*

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

(Words: Martin Luther, ca. 1529)

Prayer (please be seated)

Faithful God,
we come into Your presence with thanksgiving,
deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness
you have shown toward us, your people.

When we call out to you, you answer.

When we are exhausted,
you give us the strength to go on.

When we find ourselves in trouble,
you are there, standing beside us.

And so we come before you with gratitude and praise,
offering you the worship of our hearts and lives.

Open our eyes to see and know you here among us;
open our ears to recognize your voice.

And then send us out from here,
to live and work in the world
as your faithful disciples.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

A Time for Children Rev. Laura Shearer

Concerns and Celebrations
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Lesson I Samuel 17:32-49
Read by Dr. Jonathan McNair

Sermon *God Helps Us Face Giants* Dr. C. Mark Gooden

Song of Faith *God Is on Our Side* M. Burrows
James and Oliver Harr

When little David had to face Goliath,
he didn't crieth, or scream and shout.
He had the faith that something even greater,
God, the Creator, would help him out,

*(Refrain) We all face Goliaths on our own,
when we're young and when we're fully grown;
But God is on our side, no need to run and hide.
When you stand for God, you never stand alone.*

The problems we all face can seem gigantic,
make us feel frantic and start to doubt.
But we have faith in something even greater,
God, the Creator, will help us out. *(Refrain)*

From piles and piles of homework to walking in the dark,
or anything that gives an icy chill;
We'll take whatever problem comes;
the "fee's" and "fi's" the "fo's" and "fum's."
They may be big, but God is bigger still! *(Refrain)*

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***Hymn 529** *How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

(continued)

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

(Words: "K" om Rippon's Selections of Hymns, 1787)

Benediction

Voluntary A Mighty Fortress J. Walther

The Call to Worship was written by Nancy C. Townley, and found on the **Worship Connection** page of the **Ministry Matters** website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

Organist: David Patton **Song Leader:** James Harr
Acolytes: Belle Wallin, Ella Goodyear, and Lily Simpson

*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of all Fathers and in loving memory of
Harriet Tipps and Allen Carter, by Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Tipps.*

Commendation and Welcome – New Members

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to the First-Centenary congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.



Children Rising 2nd – 5th Grades
Wednesdays June 30, July 7 and 14
9:30 a.m. – Noon

Kids are welcome any or all of the Wednesdays. Each week will be different! You are invited to come for one, two, or all three weeks. Singing, games, instruments, and FUN!

For more information and to register please call or email Jan McNair (423-756-2021/ jmcnair@fcumc.org) or go to <https://vbspro.events/p/05ca29>

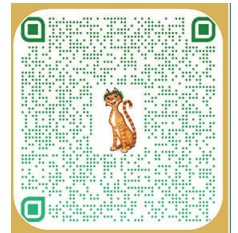
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Special Items

We would love to borrow some special items this year to help transform our church back in time. If you happen to have any of these treasures lying around, and you wouldn't mind sharing them with us, please label them with your name, and drop them off in the Welcome Center on the cart. Email Beth, bspears@fcumc.org for any and all questions. We'd need all borrowed items by Sunday, July 11.

- Pop Up Tents
- Stick Pony Hobby Horses
- Spirographs
- Amazing Pottery Wheel Artist!
- Large Shoeboxes

Our church has been blessed with an abundance of children overjoyed at being able to attend VBS this July! And because of this blessing, we need you! Please prayerfully consider joining us on July 19-23, from 9 a.m. - Noon. In that one short week... God will bless your life!



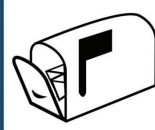
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The First-Centenary Summer Publication Schedule

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