

“Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest”
- Matthew 11:28



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October 18, 2020 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:

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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Come to our God, all who hunger for life:

Many: for it is God who
nourishes us at the Table of Grace.

One: Come to our God, all who are worn out by life:

Many: for it is God who
provides the rest we need.

One: Come to our God, all who are weighed down:

Many: for it is our God
who carries our burdens with us.

Hymn *"In the Garden"*

1 I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain: And He walks with me,
and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

3 I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness: We are so skilled at being in control, at taking charge, Sabbath-Taking God, that we are not very good at resting. We think we have to be constantly busy, so we have no time for you. We are trained to be extremely productive, and so create harried, stress-filled lives. Forgive us, Shalom-Giving God. Help us to let go of our distractions, so you can act in us; calm our creaturely activity, so you can re-create us; help us to follow Jesus, not only into discipleship, but into our rest with you. In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us confess our individual sins in silence. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response *"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.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: and also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Scripture *Matthew 11:25-30*

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon *"Rest for the Weary"* Rev. Rhodes Hunter

Hymn *"It is Well"*

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul;
it is well; it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest
assurance control,

that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

3 He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.

My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled
back as a scroll,

the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with
my soul. [Refrain]

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in
Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Response of Praise

"Doxology"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication: You invite us to offer our pain, our burdens, our troubles to you, O God, and we do so easily. Yet when you challenge us to offer our abundance for others, we resist and grumble. Help us to be as welcoming, as caring, as generous as you, Loving God, as we share our gift with you and the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

1 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:
2 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,

to endless years the same.
3 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
4 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
5 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.

Charge and Benediction

Liturgy and Preaching: Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter

Music from: Holly Aloise, "Hymn Accompaniments for the Worship Service"

John Troutman, "51 Instrumental Hymns"