



**Gathering Music**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
*Assurance*  
*The Wondrous Cross*  
*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Luther, arr. McDonald  
John Ness Beck, arr. Linker  
Janet Linker  
Peace, arr. Limbaugh

**+Gathering+**

**Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome**

**Prelude**     *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*     Janet Linker

**\*Call to Worship**     *from John 3 and Psalm 46*

God sent Christ into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.  
**God's love endures forever.**

God is our refuge and strength,  
a present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though the waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
**God's love endures forever.**

**\*Opening Hymn**            #321 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**\*Evening Prayer**

### **Confession of Sin**

Abraham enjoyed a relatively peaceful life with God. Like us, he had challenges and elements of the past he was not proud of. But he lived secure in God's promise. Then, everything changed and the God of clear promise became the God who is hard to understand.

Emptying ourselves and approaching God in humility, let us confess our sins together and open ourselves to hear God speak once again.

**Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have done that which you forbid, and we have failed to do that which you command. In the weariness of a busy life, we have yielded to temptation. We have trusted in ourselves more than we have trusted you. We have not always followed where you lead.**

**Forgive us, we pray. By your Holy Spirit, lead us and guide us so that we may truly be used by you in your great redemptive work on earth; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**All sing: Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

**All sing: Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

**All sing: Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a  
doubt,  
Fightings and fears, within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than  
those who watch for the morning.

**All sing: Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

*a time of silence is kept.*

And together we say: **Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:  
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **+We Listen for God+**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**The Scripture Lesson** Hebrews 11:8-19

**The Sermon** *God's Will and God's Promise*

### **We Respond To God**

### **Invitation To A Holy Lent and The Imposition of Ashes**

**The Offertory** God's Promises arranged by David Schmidt

'Tis so Sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at his word;  
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, "thus, saith the Lord."

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,  
Through eternal ages, let his praises ring;

Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.  
Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God, I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

I am bound for the promised land; oh, who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land.  
On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye,  
To Canaan's fair, and happy land, where my possessions lie.  
I am bound for the promised land; oh, who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land, as I'm standing on the promises of God.  
Just to rest upon his promise.

*This anthem is given to the glory of God and in memory of Shirley & Dana Fearon  
and Roger & MaryEtta White by Jonathan & Heather White.*

## **The Doxology**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness  
you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.  
Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love;  
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

### **The Prayers of The People *and* The Lord's Prayer**

Trusting in God's righteousness,  
let us pray for the world and for our needs, saying,  
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For the church, that in this season of fasting and repentance  
the people of God, with sincere hearts,  
may amend their lives and obey the gospel,  
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For all pastors and teachers,  
that they may lead the church by humble example  
and give public witness without concern for earthly reward,  
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For peace among the nations  
and integrity within the governments,  
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For this place we call home and for all who live here,  
that neighborhoods may be places of hospitality and care,  
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the oppressed,  
that they may find deliverance from their distress,  
and for all who seek to alleviate human suffering,  
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer illness of mind or body  
and for those who care for them,  
that they may be healed of disease and know the joy  
of abundant life,  
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For these concerns and those known only to you, Holy God,  
we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, as he taught us...

**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.**

**\*Closing Hymn #314 “What Wondrous Love Is This?”**

**\*Blessing and Benediction**

**\*Passing The Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Please share some sign of  
Christ's peace with your neighbors.

**Postlude**    *Wondrous Love*

J. William Greene

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Leading Worship Tonight:

Pastor Andrew, preaching

Dave Elmer, liturgist

Sara Gleason, Director of Music

Carl Bingle, organist

The FPC Chancel Choir

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**We pray for healing for:**

Deanne, Gerda, Jennifer, Elise, John, Pat, Jane, Millie.

**We pray for those who are unable to join us in-person:**

Linda, Jamie, Dorothy, Shane, Ed, Annie.

**We pray for our mission partners:**

Tyler, Rochelle, and Mphatso, Grace, Sam, and Ruth, Isaiah, MELT, The Women of Grace, NNY Presbytery, Synod of The Northeast, Shallow Wells and Marion Medical Mission, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Josh Garry and Family (preparing for ministry).

**We pray for our local and national leaders:**

Watertown's Mayor and City Council, the President of The United States and Congress, the Governor of New York and State Legislature.

**We pray for those serving our nation:**

The Wright Family, those in conflict in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and Sudan.