



Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving

17th Sun. after Pentecost

Service of the Word

October 2nd 2022

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If you are a VISITOR with us today, we are so grateful that God brought you here. Please sign our Guest Book in the church or send an email to sothlc@sothem.org. We are so glad that God brought you to this time of worship.

*NOTE: Bold text indicates worshipers' response, and *' means please stand as able.*

BELL & PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME AND MUTUAL MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

* P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ , the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

* OPENING LITANY (*Please respond with bold text*)

L: God brought Israel out from Egypt,

All: For God's steadfast love endures forever;

L: With a strong hand and an outstretched arm,

All: For God's steadfast love endures forever;

L: God divided the Red Sea in two,

All: For God's steadfast love endures forever;

L: And made Israel pass through the midst of it,

All: For God's steadfast love endures forever;

L: But God overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the sea,

All: For God's steadfast love endures forever;

L: Do not be afraid, but stand firm.

All: God delivers us from harm.

L: God will defend us.

All: We will be still and trust in our God

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*Green #524 GATHERING HYMN "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art" Sing verses 1-2 PAGE 4

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Let us pray, Saving God, **All: With awesome power, you led your people through the sea and rescued them from those who would harm them. Continue to lead us through our challenges, that we might sing your praises on the other side. Amen**

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GROWING

Last week we heard how God protected and prospered the great-grandson of Abraham, Joseph, through the trials of his life. We heard how his ability to interpret the pharaoh's dream, as well as manage the growing and distributing of food through 7 years of bumper crops, followed by 7 years of drought, allowed him to save countless lives. His father's entire family, the 12 tribes of Israel, were included in those saved, and were invited by the Pharaoh to stay in Egypt. God blessed them in this foreign land and allowed them to grow great in number. Their numbers caused great fear in a pharaoh who later ruled the land, and he responded to that fear by enslaving all the Israelites. God heard their cry for help and sent Moses to free them. Today we hear only a part of this story, but it emphasizes how God's great power was experienced and acknowledged by the Israelites AND the Egyptians who pursued them. A reading of the texts from Exodus chapter 14, various verses.

⁵ When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, 'What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?' ⁶ So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; ⁷ he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. ¹⁰ As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. ¹¹ They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians?' For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' ¹³ But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.'

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

²⁴ At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' ²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

KIDS MESSAGE/SERMON

Lay Minister, Keith Lee

Green Hymnal #229 HYMN OF THE DAY *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*" Sing verses 1-2 Page 5

GIVING

***THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

^{*Or,} He descended to the dead.

*** OFFERING PRAYER** God, you have given us all that we have, even our very lives. Accept now these gifts we return to you with gratitude, for the work of your church. Amen.

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* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: God of promise, **ALL**: You hear our prayer.)

* LORD'S PRAYERS 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING Remembering that you are never alone on your walk through this world, feel the freedom of having the Holy Spirit within you, your Savior beside you, and your divine Father reaching out to you. Know you go into God's world blessed by God the Father, Son, and **†** Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

* Green Hymnal #469 SENDING HYMN "Lord of All Hopefulness" Sing verses 1-2 Page 6

* DISMISSAL Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2nd. TODA

<u>SCHEDULE</u>		
Today	8:45-9:45am	- Sunday School
	10:00am	- Worship
	11am-2pm	- AUTUMN FEST at the EM Community Park/Lion's Park
Monday	7pm	- AA Meeting
Tuesday	11am-Noon	- 1 st Pop-Up-Pantry at the Village Hall
	4-6pm	- Food Pantry
Wednesday	3:20-4:30	- 7 th -8 th Gr. Confirmation Class
Friday:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
SUNDAY:	8:45-9:45am	- Sunday School
	10:00am	- Bluegrass Gospel Band Worship
	11:00am	- Fellowship

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My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

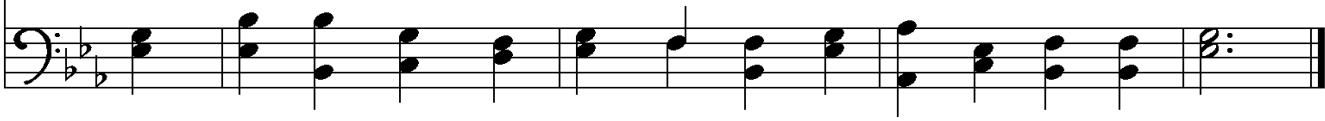
Sing vs. 1-2



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
 2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
 5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
 thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
 bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
 for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
 On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863
 Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sing vs. 1-2

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time, treble and bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes in four distinct stanzas. The first stanza starts with a treble clef, the second with a bass clef, the third with a treble clef, and the fourth with a bass clef.

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat-'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap-ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Lord of All Hopefulness

Sing vs. 1-2



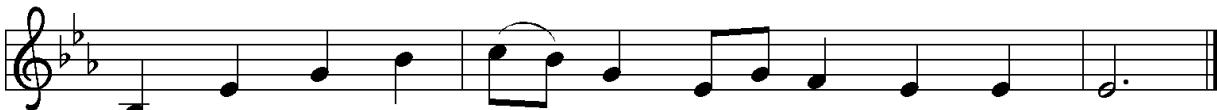
1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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