



# Sunday, August 23, 2020



## Prelude

*To a Wild Rose*

Emma Rustan, piano

Edward Macdowell

## Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

## Call to Worship

Cordelia, David and Annika Swanson

One: A mighty fortress is our God!

**All: A bulwark never failing!**

One: A mighty fortress is our God!

**All: Through God the Spirit and gifts are ours**

One: A mighty fortress is our God!

**All: God's kingdom is forever!**

## Hymn

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

UM Hymnal #110, v. 1, 2, 4

1. 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.

2. 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.

4. 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.

## Morning Prayer

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Jesus' Prayer

**Loving God, Sacred One, Blessed be your name. May your kingdom come, your dream arrive, your purpose prevail, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrong we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Help us steer clear of temptation, and protect us from evil. We trust you in this, for the kingdom, its power and its beauty, are yours forever. Amen.**

## Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon

**Anthem**      *Be Not Afraid*

Bob Dufford

Mary Whitlock, soprano; Velda Graham Bell, piano

**Scripture Reading**

Kelby Werner, summer pastoral intern

**Joshua 5:13-15**

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" The commander of the Lord's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

**Sermon**      *Is God on Our Side?*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Hymn**      *Healer of our Every Ill*

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*Refrain: Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.*

*1. You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort,  
fill our hearts.*

*Refrain: Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.*

*2. In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision,  
God of love.*

*Refrain: Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.*

*3. Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother;  
Spirit of all kindness,  
be our guide.*

*Refrain: Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.*

*4. You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing,  
Spirit of compassion,  
fill each heart.*

*Refrain: Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.*

**Offering Our Gifts and Tithes**

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

**Offertory**      *Prayer*

Ernest Bloch

Rebecca Peterson, cello

**Words for Going Forth**

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Postlude**      *Toccata Festivo*

Dennis Janzer

Benjamin Hintzman, organ



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