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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, July 21, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 11
Family Sunday**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***OPENING HYMN:** “The Church’s One Foundation” V331

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We have been called to walk the faithful road and to choose the way of God’s justice.

PEOPLE: We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good, and that we live in that goodness. We are here to proclaim our faith and to seek direction along this faith journey.

Leader: Come together, then, to be God’s people.
Follow Christ and listen for the good things that God has done. Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!

ALL: We will share with others the goodness that we have found in God. May our lives be an expression of that goodness.**
Sandra E. Graham

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison**

Peace is not the product of terror or fear.
Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.
Peace is not the silence of violent repression.
Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.
Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity.
It is right and duty. Amen.

Oscar A. Romero, trans. James Brockman V683

***THE GLORIA PATRI P513**

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.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~*unison*

O God, our joy and our comfort, we gather in your name to give thanks for all the gifts of this day. Our spirits abound with your gift of joy. Of all the many things we have received from your hand, the flame of joy is the most precious. We have also come to this hour of prayer bearing in our hearts the sorrows of our world. Comfort us with your presence that we may be strengthened to continue to proclaim your goodness and deliverance in all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Savior.** Amen. *Margaret Gay McKinnon Godfrey*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*) Choral Amen

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 6:27-38 Pg 1209

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ephesians 2:11-22 Pg 1335

So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

HERE ENDS THE READING. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

SERMON: “Forgiveness = Apology + Peacemaking”

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Amen

THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE ~*unison*

May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!

***CLOSING HYMN:** “When Peace Like a River”

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Special thanks to **Angela Lomaglio**, our guest pianist today.

Deacon is. **Scripture Reader** is Sandy Carter. **Greeters** are Sandy Carter and Beth Anderson. **Fellowship Hour** will be immediately following worship hosted by Sandy Carter.

Today's flowers are given by Rob and Kim Natoli, These flowers are in honor of our 15 year anniversary.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Meg Adams, and Sarah.

Quote of the day: *Dear God,*

Why is Sunday school on Sunday? I thought it was supposed to be our day of rest.

Church Chuckles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On-Line fundraising auction

Thank you for your many generous donations making this year's on-line fundraising auction a reality!! We have a wonderful variety of items that are sure to make this auction a big success.

Here is the schedule:

Tomorrow and Tuesday: The auction items are catalogued and photographed.

August 5: The auction will go live

August 12: The auction will close

August 16: The auction manager will prep the items for pick up (group items by buyers, as is typical, winning bidders often win multiple lots) to make the pick up window go smoothly.

August 17 or 18: The pick up date and time to be determined and will be announced on or before August 5.

Thank you again for all your donations for our church.

Summer Sunday School

This year Summer Sunday school is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month; July 28, August 11 & 25.

Priscilla Noriega has graciously agreed to coordinate the program. If you would like to learn more about the program or volunteer to help, please contact Karlee.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Masako Miller 07/22, George Silk 07/24, Heather Mastracchio 07/24, Vivian Shipley-Harris 07/26 James Shea 07/27.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Rich & Jody Gallagher 07/22.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	7/21	9:30 a.m. 10:30	WORSHIP – (In-Person/Live Stream) AUCTION DROP OFF
Monday	7/22	1:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY
Tuesday	7/23	9:30 a.m. 9:30 12:00 p.m. 7:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (L) Music Under the Stars (Green)
Wednesday	7/24	9:30 a.m. 10:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY
Thursday	7/25	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (DBL)
Friday	7/26	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	7/27	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	7/28	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – (In-Person/Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

*OPENING HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation"

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1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
 ♦ 3 Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
 5 We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,

we are his new creation by water and the Word,
 one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 ♦ by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
 we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
 and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.

from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
 One holy name professing and at one table fed,
 ♦ yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
 Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we

his living servant people, by his own death set free.
 to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
 ♦ But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

* HYMN: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

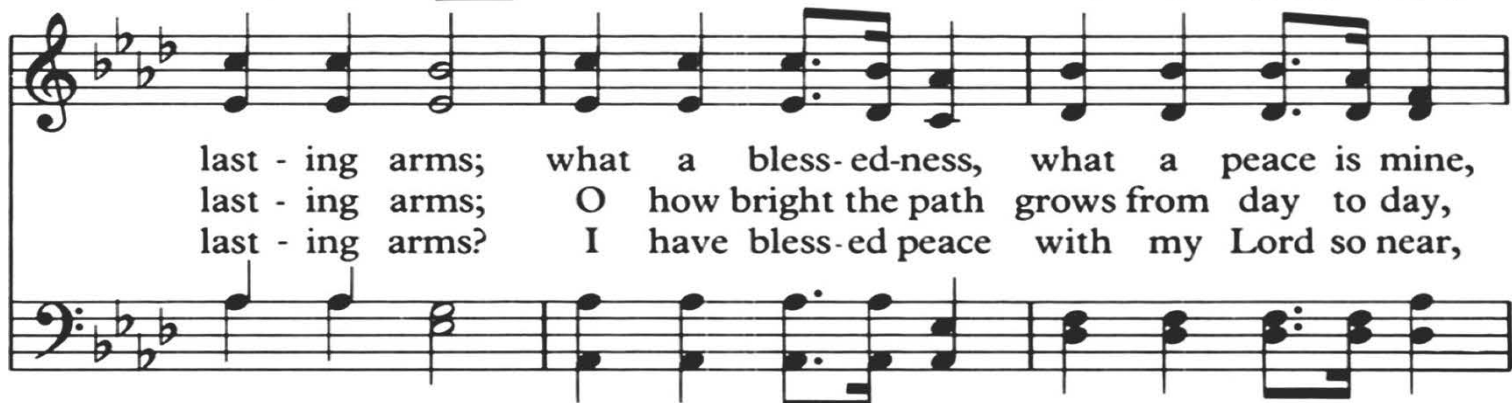
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1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er -



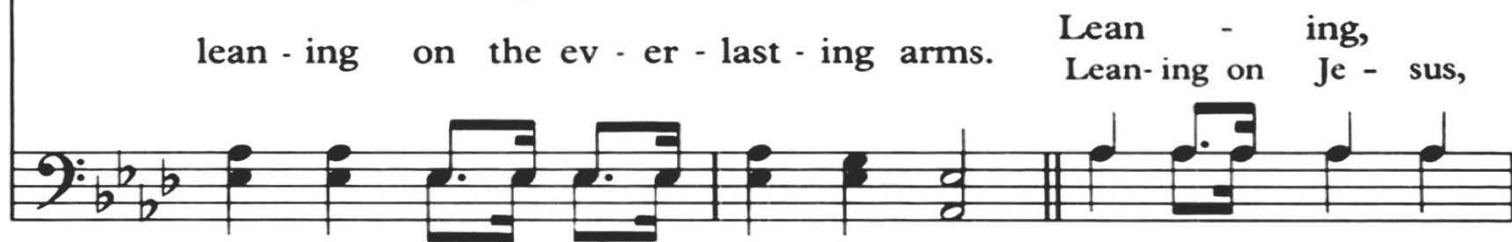
last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,



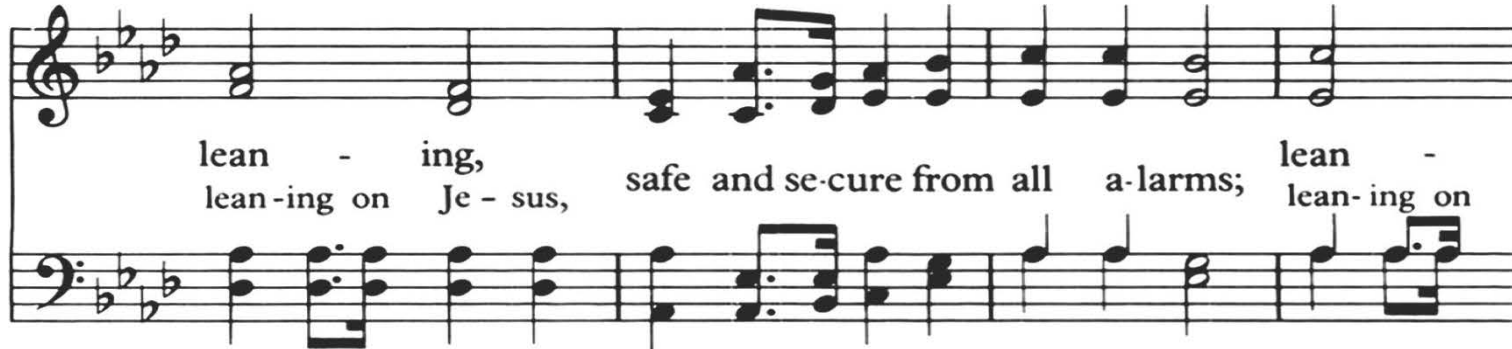
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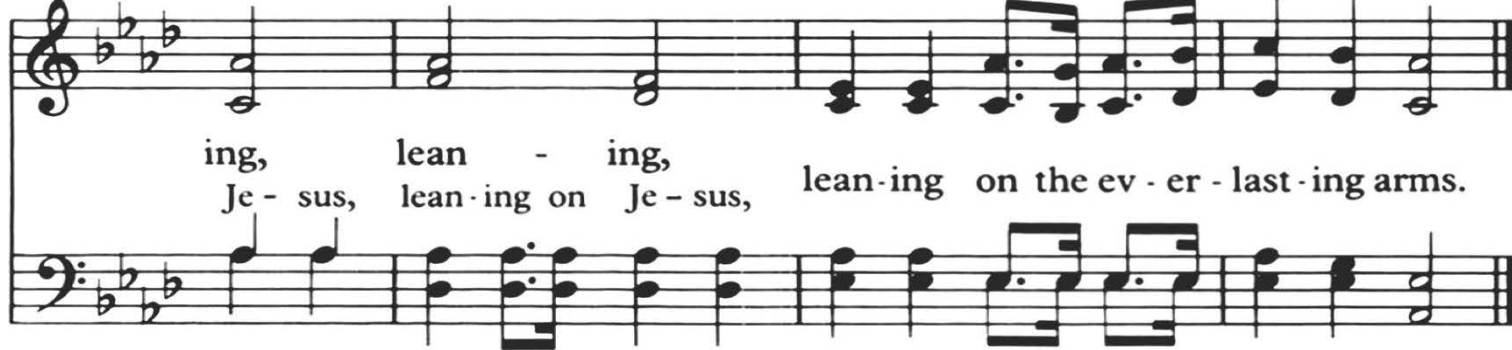
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 Lean-ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean -
 lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on




ing, lean - ing,
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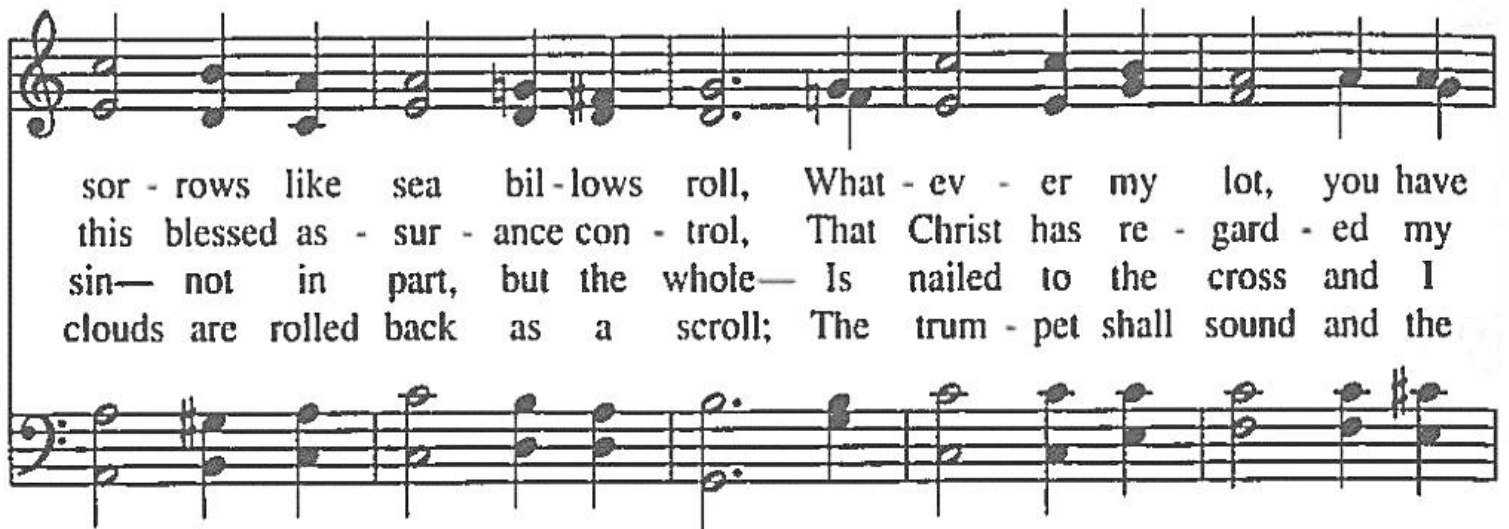


*CLOSING HYMN: "When Peace Like a River"

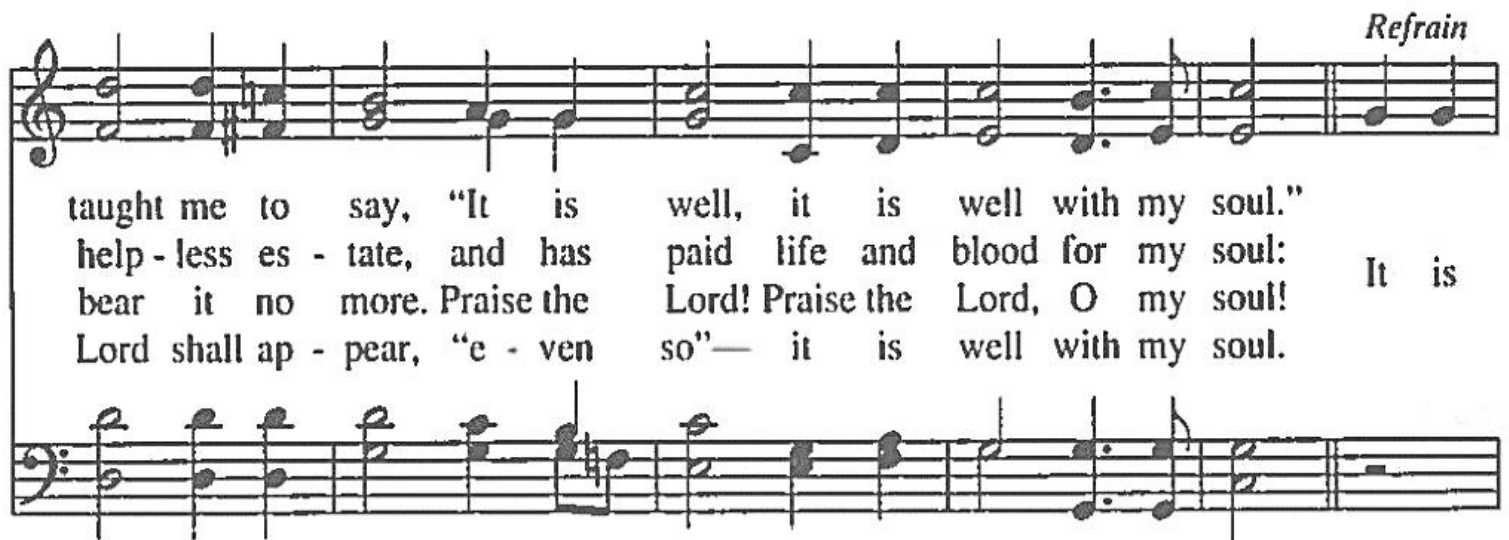
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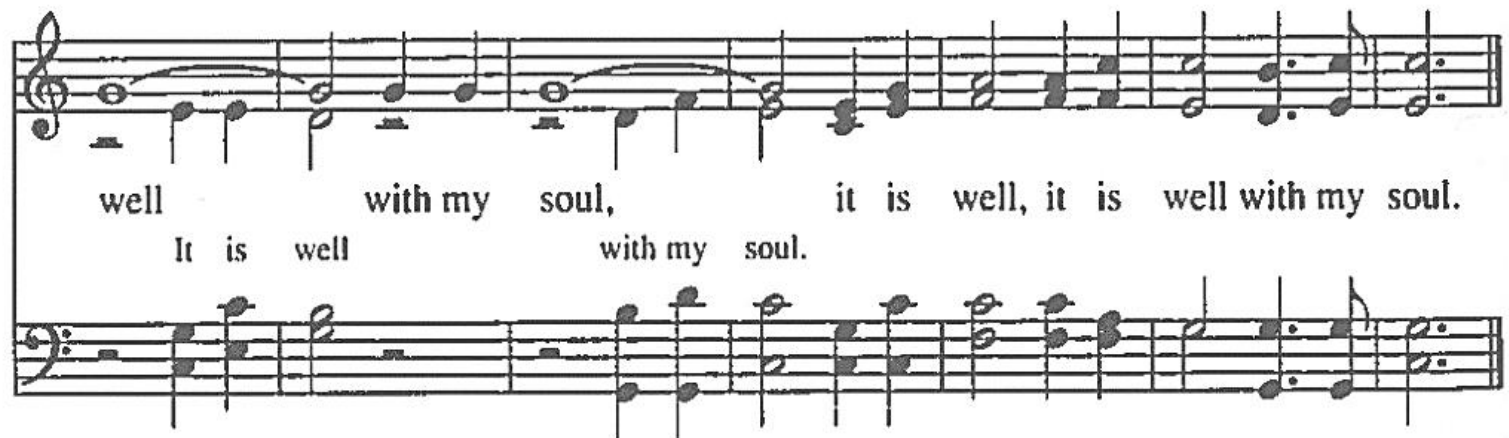
1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when
2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let
3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have
this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my
sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I
clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the



Refrain
taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul: It is
bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.



well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.

MISSION

Our church's mission is to bind ourselves with Jesus Christ in:

- Worship together;
- Nurture of Christian discipleship; and
- Compassionate service to our community and beyond.

VISION

We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed Mission Teams.

VALUES

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.