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Communion Sunday
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Prelude No. 534

Be Still, My Soul

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

A psalm of Asaph.

The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.

He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice." And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice. "Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I am God, your God.

I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.

(Psalm 50:1-8)

Opening Prayer

Hymn No. 710

Faith of Our Fathers

Faith of our fathers living still

In spite of dungeon fire and sword

O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious Word

Refrain:

Faith of our fathers holy faith
We will be true to Thee till death

Faith of our fathers faith and prayer
Shall win all nations unto Thee
And through the truth that comes from God
We all shall then indeed be free [*Refrain*]

Faith of our fathers we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife
And preach Thee too as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life [*Refrain*]

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Time for All God's Children

Scripture Reading — Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-16 (NIV)

Faith in Action

¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah,

who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Hymn No. 338

Where He Leads Me

(Verses 1 & 4)

I can hear my Savior calling
I can hear my Savior calling
I can hear my Savior calling
Take thy cross and follow follow Me

Refrain:

Where He leads me I will follow
Where He leads me I will follow
Where He leads me I will follow
I'll go with Him with Him all the way

He will give me grace and glory
He will give me grace and glory
He will give me grace and glory
And go with me with me all the way [*Refrain*]

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Sermon

Superior Faith in Christ

Hymn No. 707

Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower
In the seed an apple tree
In cocoons a hidden promise
Butterflies will soon be free
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

There's a song in every silence
Seeking word and melody
There's a dawn in every darkness
Bringing hope to you and me
From the past will come the future
What it holds a mystery
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

In our end is our beginning
In our time infinity
In our doubt there is believing
In our life eternity
In our death a resurrection
At the last a victory
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

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Affirmation of Faith No. 889

Affirmation from I Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16

Leader:

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,
who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

Leader and People:

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:

That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

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Offering

Doxology

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

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Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will,

We have broken your law,

We have rebelled against your love,

We have not loved our neighbors,

And we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Silent Personal Prayer of Confession]

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves
God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and
everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator
of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of
heaven, we praise your name and join their unending
hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven
and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the
baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave
birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and
death, and made us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took
bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his
disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is
given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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 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, forever. Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The Body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.

Hymn No. 519

Life Every Voice and Sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of liberty
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea
Sing a song full of the faith
That the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope
That the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won

Stony the road we trod
Bitter the chast'ning rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died
Yet with a steady beat
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed
We have come over a way
That with tears has been watered
We have come treading our path
Through the blood of the slaughtered
Out from the gloomy past
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

God of our weary years
God of our silent tears
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way
Thou who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light

Keep us forever in the path we pray
Lest our feet stray from the places
Our God where we met Thee
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine
Of the world we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand
True to our God true to our native land

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Closing Prayer

Postlude No. 714

I Know Whom I Have Believed

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