



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 18, 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

Andante Religioso (from Sonata No. 4)

Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ says, come away to a deserted place and rest a while.

**People: God calls us to quiet and rest,
even as we continue to minister to those in need.**

Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Holy One, we want to be
the sheep of your pasture.
Care for us, feed us, and lead us, we pray.
Once we are strengthened by your presence,
raise us up to be shepherds ourselves
who tend to those who fear and dismay
so that our lives may reflect
our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 529

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

The Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 2:19-22

The Sermon

Owner's Manual for Life

Rev. Lucy Hottle

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies (from St. Paul)

Emily Downey, soprano
Felix Mendelssohn

So they, being filled with the Holy Ghost,
departing thence delay'd not,
and preached the word of God with joyfulness.

I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord!
of thy mercies, O Lord, my Saviour!
I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord,
and of thy faithfulness evermore.

Text from Psalm 89

The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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 Hymn

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

John Hatton

1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace,
3 Cast care a - side; up - on your Guide,
4 Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;

5
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right;
lift up your eyes, and seek his face;
lean, and his mer - cy and will pro - vide;
he chang - es not, and you are dear;

9
lay hold on life, and it shall be
life with its way be - fore us lies,
lean, and the trust - ing soul shall prove,
on - ly be - lieve, and you shall see

13
your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
Christ is its life and Christ its love.
that Christ is all in all to thee.

The Benediction

The Postlude

Praise to the Lord

Johann Gottfried Walther

This morning we welcome Rev. Lucy Hottle to the pulpit.

Reverend Lucy Marsden Hottle is a retired Elder in the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. She began her ministry in the New York Annual Conference before serving churches in Northern Virginia. She came to Richmond to join the Bishop's staff as Dean of the Leadership Development Institute. When Lucy retired, she and Warren decided to make Richmond and Centenary their forever home.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us this morning and throughout the week to make this worship possible.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 89

God's Covenant with David

A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

- ¹ I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
² I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
³ You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:
⁴ "I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations." *Selah*

Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

2 Timothy 4:7-8

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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