Worship Service

(5/03/2020)

**Prelude** (*A mighty fortress is our God*)

*Verse 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.*

*Verse 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.*

*Verse 3*

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.*

*Verse 4*

*That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through 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.*

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

**Welcome and announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Confession of Sins**

Heavenly Father, we rejoice in the coming of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to live, suffer, and die for our sins. We know that we cannot have eternal life without His costly sacrifice. Thank You that He became our sacrificial lamb so that we might have the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. We believe Your Word which tells us that “there is therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, the Lord.” Forgive us and cleanse us from all our sins and help us in all of our words, thoughts, and deeds to honor You and Your sacrifice that was given for us. In the Name of Jesus, our Lord, Amen.

**Absolution**

**Introit**

**Scripture Lessons**

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

**Confession of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn before the sermon:** (*Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word*)

*Verse 1*

*Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;  
Curb those who fain by craft and sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Thy Son  
And set at naught all He hath done.*

*Verse 2*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow'r make known,  
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Thy Christendom that we  
May evermore sing praise to Thee.*

*Verse 3*

*O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth.  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.*

**Sermon**

“The Door to Freedom” John 10:1-10

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** (*How Great Thou Art)*

*Verse 1*

*O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

*Verse 2*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

*Verse 3*

*And when I think of God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

*Verse 4*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow with humble adoration  
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee  
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