

Westwood United Methodist Church

Online Worship Gathering

Sunday, May 24, 2020

PRELUDE

"Nimrod" from *Enigma Variations*
Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Yoojung Chung
Organist

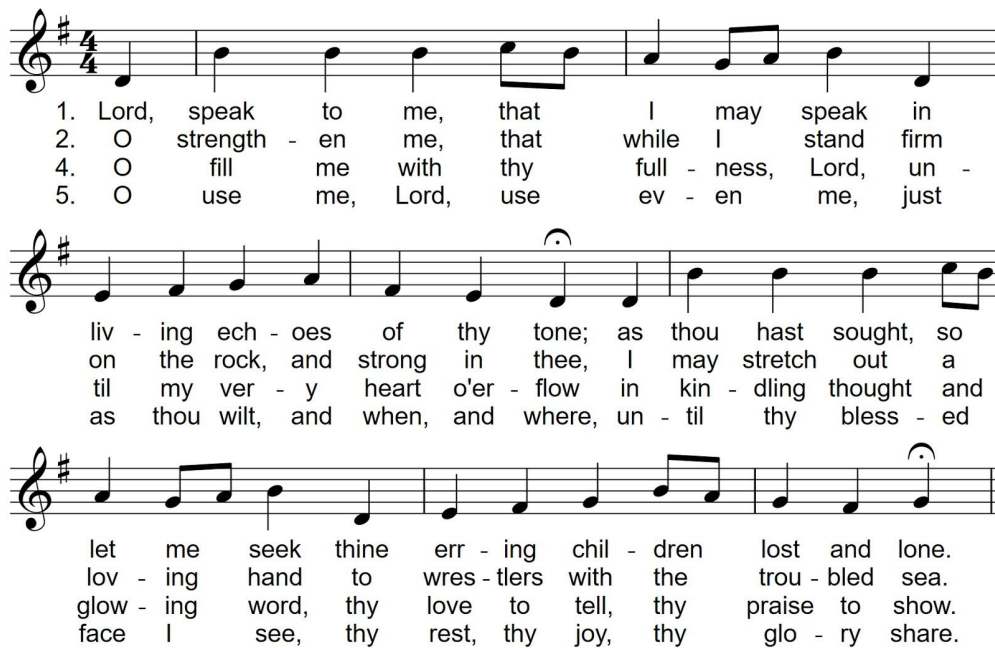
WELCOME

Molly Vetter
Senior Pastor

HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me

UMH No. 463



1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
2. O strength - en me, that while I stand firm
4. O fill me with thy full - ness, Lord, un -
5. O use me, Lord, use ev - en me, just

liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so
on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a
til my ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
as thou wilt, and when, and where, un - til thy bless - ed

let me seek thine err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
lov - ing hand to wres - tlers with the trou - bled sea.
glow - ing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.
face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glo - ry share.

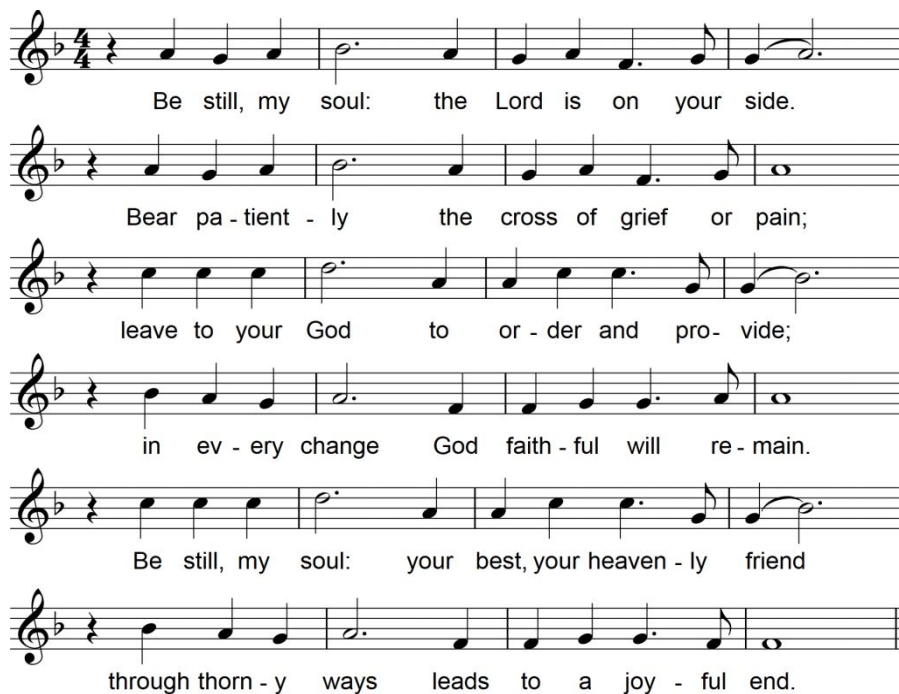
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MORNING PRAYER

Molly Vetter

*O God of glory, sovereign of all nations,
the risen and ascended Christ calls us
to carry your message of life to all people.
Led by the power of your Holy Spirit,
may we witness always to the hope to which we are called
as we share Christ's love to the ends of the earth. Amen.*

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11

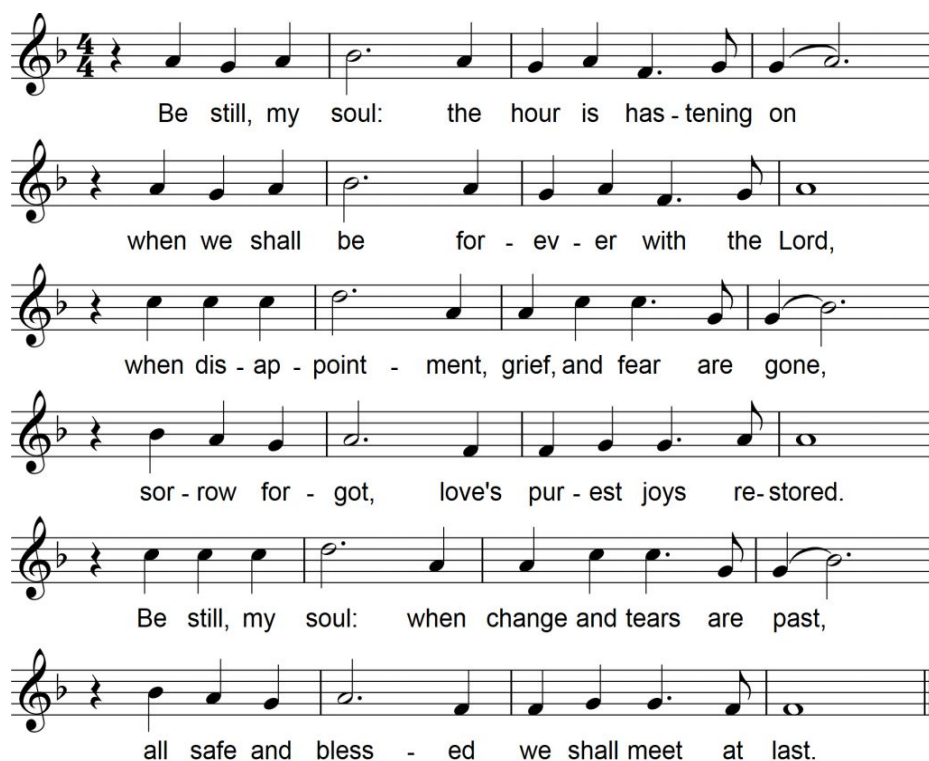
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In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.



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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44-53

Darin Arntson

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

UMH No. 534

Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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SERMON

The Space Between

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CALL TO PRAYER

A Prayer of St. Richard Of Chichester

L.J. White

Sherley-Ann Belleus

Taylor Jacobs

*Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ
 For all the benefits you have given me,
 For all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
 O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
 May I know You more clearly,
 Love You more dearly,
 Follow You more nearly*

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

Molly Vetter

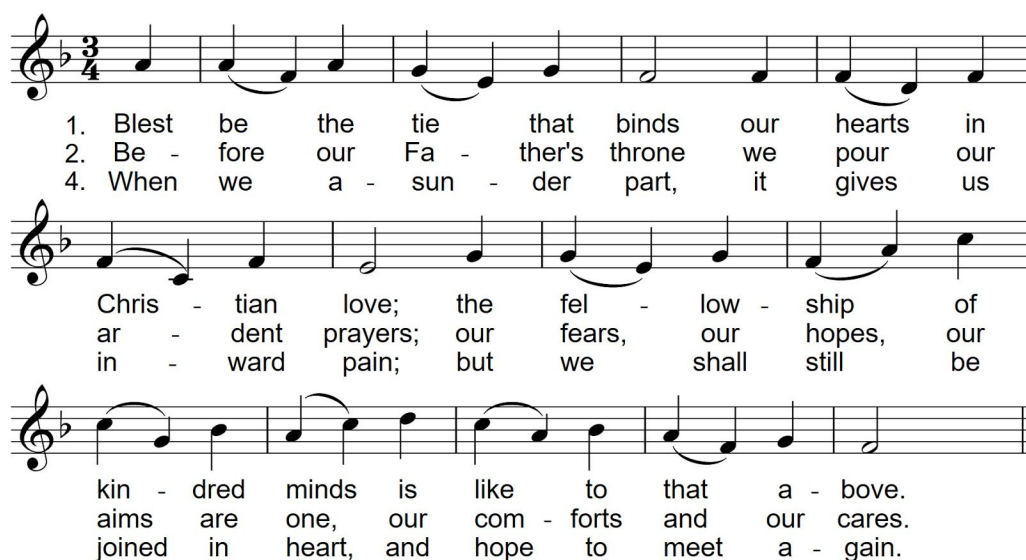
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH No. 557



1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us
Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
in - ward pain; but we shall still be
kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Rondo" from Abdelazer
Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Yoojung Chung

Participating in Today's Service

Darin Arntson, *Associate Pastor (Preaching)*

Molly Vetter, *Senior Pastor*

Andrew Schultz, *Director of Sanctuary Music*

Yoojung Chung, *Organist*

Sanctuary Duet

Sherley-Ann Belleus, *soprano*

Taylor Jacobs, *tenor*