



**NORTHRIDGE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

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**NORTHRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 10:00 A.M.
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

GATHERING

Prelude Whenever We Are In Deepest Need J.S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

✠ Call to Worship

Be still!

We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Be still and know ...

we come to discern the Word which can set us free.

Be still and know that God is

our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

✠ Gathering Hymn #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
v. 1 & 2

EIN' FESTE BURG

✠ Prayer of Confession (italicized words are sung)

Everlasting God, we know how easy it is to forget your presence and power in our lives.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Focused on our daily planners, we do not pay attention to the night sky and the glittery stars.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Surrounded by the sounds of anger, violence, and hate, we have trouble listening to your whispers of hope and grace.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Forgive us. Help us to release our tightly clenched fists so that we may receive your mercy and hope.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠ Gloria Patri

**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.**

✠ Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem

Psalm 46
Suzanne Bouvier-Page, soloist

Dent Davidson

Sermon

Be Still?!

Betsy Lyles Swetenburg

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠ Affirmation of Faith

(The Heidelberg Catechism, 1562)

*We choose to live not in fear but with courage,
because in life and in death we belong to God.*

**Our only comfort in life and in death is that we belong—
body and soul—not to ourselves,
but to our faithful savior Jesus Christ.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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 God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Call to Give

Offertory

Deep River
Suzanne Bouvier-Page, soloist

Traditional Spiritual

✠ Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore—One holy God, whom we adore. Amen.**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

✠ Hymn #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
v. 3 & 4

EIN' FESTE BURG

✠ Charge and Benediction

**Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the
weak; help the suffering; honor all persons; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Closing Voluntary

Song Over the Waters

Marty Haugen

Leading worship today:

Rev. Elizabeth Lyles Swetenburg, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

Bryan Page, Director of Music Ministries

Emily Cox, Director of Faith Formation

Julia Boudreaux, Organist

Rebecca Jones, Soundboard Operator

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

✦ Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us,

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

✦ Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

✠ Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Christ, all crea - tures

here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more - One

ho - ly God, whom we a - dore. A - men.