



"Strike the rock with the stick and water will pour out of it, so that the people may drink."

Exodus 17:6, CEV

*"Continuing the work of Jesus.
Peacefully. Simply. Together."*



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19th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Organ Prelude

A Trumpet Chorale

J. S. Bach

Prelude in E Major by Johann Sebastian Bach, Van Denman Thompson

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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

Christine Longhurst

One: We've come to worship God, who makes streams flow from rock, who turns the parched earth into springs of water, who sends the rain from heaven and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

People: As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O God.

One: Come, let's worship our life-giving God, who pours out living water on all who thirst.

* Opening Prayer

Come, all who thirst—come to the water! You who long for the water of life—come and drink! Dip your soul in the river of God's goodness; quench your thirst at God's well of grace. For God is here among us, offering living water to all who would drink! Let's worship God together!

* Opening Hymn

As the deer

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As the deer by Martin Nystrom

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Verse 1

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.

*Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

Verse 2:

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver, and the apple of my eye.

Refrain

Verse 3:

You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

Refrain

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with our Children

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-5 (CEV)

10 Friends, I want to remind you that all our ancestors walked under the cloud and went through the sea. ² This was like being baptized and becoming followers of Moses. ³ All of them also ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink, which flowed from the spiritual rock that followed them. That rock was Christ. ⁵ But most of them did not please God. So they died, and their bodies were scattered all over the desert.

Song

My Life Flows On

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Verse 1 My life flows on in endless song,
 above earth's lamentation.
 I catch the sweet, though far off hymn
 that hails a new creation.

*Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm
 while to that Rock I'm clinging.
 Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth,
 how can I keep from singing?*

Verse 2:
 Through all the tumult and the strife,
 I hear that music ringing.
 It finds an echo in my soul.
 How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

Verse 3
 What though my joys and comforts die,
 I know my Savior liveth.
 What though the darkness gather round?
 Songs in the night he giveth.

Refrain

Verse 4
 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
 a fountain ever springing!
 All things are mine since I am his!
 How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

Pastoral Prayer

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Stewardship Moment

Melvin Amerson

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7 (CEV)

¹ The Israelites left the desert and moved from one place to another each time the Lord ordered them to. Once they camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for them to drink.

² The people started complaining to Moses, "Give us some water!" Moses replied, "Why are you complaining to me and trying to put the Lord to the test?"

³ But the people were thirsty and kept on complaining, "Moses, did you bring us out of Egypt just to let us and our families and our animals die of thirst?"

⁴ Then Moses prayed to the Lord, "What am I going to do with these people? They are about to stone me to death!"

⁵ The Lord answered, "Take some of the leaders with you and go ahead of the rest of the people. Also take along the walking stick with which you struck the Nile River. ⁶ When you get to the rock at Mount Sinai, I will be there with you. Strike the rock with the stick, and water will pour out for the people to drink." Moses did this while the leaders watched.

⁷ The people had complained and tested the Lord by asking, "Is the Lord really with us?" So Moses named that place Massah, which means "testing" and Meribah, which means "complaining."

Song

All Who Are Thirsty

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Verse

All who are thirsty,
 all who are weak,
 come to the fountain.
 Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow
be washed away
in the waves of God's mercy,
as deep cries out to deep. We sing...

Refrain: Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Sermon "Whining in the Wilderness"

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **Closing Song** *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* insert

* **Benediction**

Piano Postlude *He Leadeth Me* William Bradbury

Verse #1

*He leadeth me, oh blessed thought! Oh, words with heavenly comfort fraught!
What 'ere I do, where 'ere I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me, By his own hand he leadeth me.
His faithful follower I would be, For by his hand he leadeth me.*

Verse #3

*Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine:
Content, whatever lot I see, Since 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

* Please stand as able and led



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| Worship Leader | Freda Wilkins | Pianist/Organist | Bob Phillips |
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Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Robert Lowry, 1826-1899



1. All the way my Sav-ior leads me. What have I to ask be-side?
2. All the way my Sav-ior leads me, Cheers each wind-ing path I tread,
3. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; Oh, the full-ness of His love!



Can I doubt His ten-der mer-cy, Who through life has been my Guide?
 Gives me grace for ev-ery tri-al, Feeds me with the liv-ing bread.
 Per-fect rest to me is prom-ised In my Fa-ther's house a-bove.

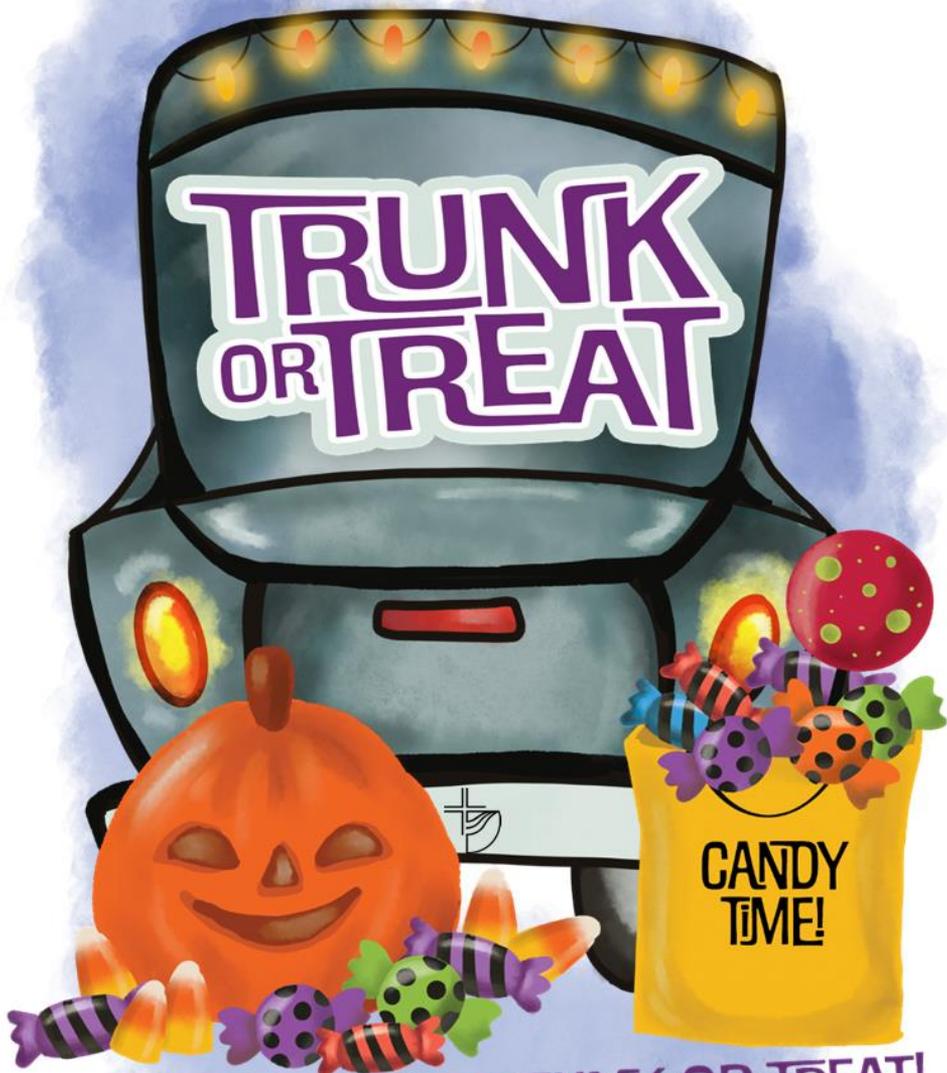


Heaven-ly peace, di-vin-est com-fort, Here by faith in Him to dwell!
 Though my wea-ry steps may fal-ter, And my soul a-thirst may be,
 When my spir-it, clothed im-mor-tal, Wings its flight to realms of day,



For I know, what-e'er be-fall me, Je-sus will do all things well.
 Flow-ing from the Rock be-fore me, Lo! a spring of joy I see.
 This my song through end-less a-ges: "Je-sus led me all the way."





JOIN US FOR OUR TRUNK OR TREAT!

- Costumes are encouraged
- Decorating your trunk is optional, but encouraged
- Outdoor games for all ages
- Popcorn & cotton candy available
- Safe, local, fun for the whole family!

4-6 p.m. on Sunday, October 30

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