

Order for the Worship of God
September 27, 2020
17th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.

People: We will serve and obey the Lord our God.

Leader: The Lord watches over the stranger;

People: God upholds those who are in need.

Leader: Stand firm and hold fast to your faith.

People: God indeed will strengthen us in word and deed.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Meditation on TERRA BEATA”
(This Is My Father’s World)

Charles Callahan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #837

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

SHOWALTER

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain: **Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning in the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain***

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain***

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left un-done. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

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.**

SOLO

“Nearer, My God, To Thee”
Stephanie Carson, Soloist

arr. Heather Sorenson

*Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee, even though it be a cross that raises me.
Still all my prayer shall be, “Nearer, my God, to Thee.”
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer, Lord, to Thee.
And when the nighttime hides Your face, dark is all I see.
Then urgently, my heart cries out, “Nearer, Lord, to Thee!”*

*In Your presence, I am sheltered. In Your presence, I am strong.
There is healing for the hurting. There’s forgiveness for the wrong.
You are hope for every heartache. You are help for every need,
Your abundant grace has offered the promise to be free.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN

“Faith of Our Fathers”

ST. CATHERINE

**Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
when-e’er we hear that glorious word!**

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our fathers, we will strive to win all nations unto thee,
And through the truth that comes from God,
we all shall then be truly free.**

**Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
by kindly words and virtuous life.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 4:7-18 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES

Some Things I’m Most Thankful For Just Now
#2 “Those Keeping the Faith—In Spite of…”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #269

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

LANCASHIRE

**Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
hence forth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.**

**Lead on, O King eternal, till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords’ loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.**

**Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Trumpet Tune in D”

David N. Johnson

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing,
 Lean-ing on Je-sus,
 lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing
 lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

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1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher-e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven-ly king-dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.

