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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost | October 12th, 2025

\*Please stand as you are able

**Welcome and Announcements**

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

arr. M. Compton

The Christ Church Ringers

\*Call to Worship

One: When the image of God is denied in another,

All: When fire and flood rise, when temptation pulls us under,

One: God cries out, “Remember who you are—whose you are!”

All: When trouble comes and problems refuse to leave,

One: God cries out, “Remember who you are—whose you are!”

All: Remind us, O God, that you are with us; that all your children bear your image; and in you, there is nothing we cannot do. Praise be to God!

**\*Hymn of Praise** 152 *I* *Sing the Almighty Power of God*

FOREST GREEN

1. I sing the almighty power of God,

that made the mountains rise,

That spread the flowing seas abroad,

And built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained

The sun to rule the day;

The moon shines full at God's command, And all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord,

Who filled the earth with food,

Who formed the creatures thru the Word, And then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye,

If I survey the ground I tread,

Or gaze upon the sky.

3. There's not a plant or flower below,

But makes thy glories known,

And clouds arise, and tempests blow,

By order from thy throne;

While all that borrows life from thee

Is ever in thy care;

And everywhere that we can be,

Thou God, art present there.

**Opening Prayer**

**Holy and living God, you say a resounding no to all that seeks to deliver us to the slavery of sin and death. You call us into a world that hungers for courage and truth, and in every age and place raise up those who dare to speak, act, love, and live with conviction. Steady us in the places we struggle and strengthen us to live with that same conviction. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading Psalm 66:1-12; 20**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
    sing the glory of his name;  
    give to him glorious praise.  
**Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.  
All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you,  
    sing praises to your name.”**

Come and see what God has done:  
    he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.  
**He turned the sea into dry land;  
    they passed through the river on foot.**There we rejoiced in him,  
    who rules by his might forever,  
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—  
    let the rebellious not exalt themselves. *Selah*

**Bless our God, O peoples;  
    let the sound of his praise be heard,  
who has kept us among the living  
    and has not let our feet slip.**  
For you, O God, have tested us;  
    you have tried us as silver is tried.  
**You brought us into the net;  
    you laid burdens on our backs;**you let people ride over our heads;  
    we went through fire and through water;  
**yet you have brought us forth to a spacious place.**

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed God’s steadfast love from us.**

**Music of Preparation** *Carillon and Bell Jubilee* arr. M. Tucker

The Christ Church Ringers

Scripture Lesson Esther 1:10a-13a, 15-19

Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:1-11

**Sermon** For Such a Time as This: The

courage to say no.

Pastor Beth

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

**God of Hope, you come into this world as good news. You teach us to rise up, to sing, to dance, to live as people of integrity, for our rock is Christ. But too often we duck and hide when times grow hard; we fall silent in the face of evil; we hold still when you call us to move toward one another. Remind us that there are moments when faith requires a holy no to the powers that exploit and abuse. Renew us to be authentically your people—for such a time as this. Amen.**

Pastor:  Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love.  In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God, Amen.**

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

\*Passing of the Peace

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology 95 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below

Praise God, above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer

**\*Sending Hymn**

377 *It Is Well with My* Soul VILLE DU HAVRE

1. When peace, like a river,

attendeth my way, When sorrows

like sea billows roll;

Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well.....with my soul,

it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet,

though trials should come,

Let this blest assurance control,

That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well.....with my soul,

it is well, it is well with my soul.

4. And, Lord, haste the day

when my faith shall be sight,

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;

The trump shall resound,

and the Lord shall descend,

Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well.....with my soul,

it is well, it is well with my soul.

\*Benediction 2130 *The Summons* KELVINGROVE

Will you love the “you” you hide

if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside

and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you’ve found

to reshape the world around,

through my sight and touch and sound

in you and you in me?

Postlude  *Toccata No. 4 (HOLY MANNA)* arr. Joel Raney

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“It Is Well with My Soul”

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“This Little Light of Mine”

Words: Afro-American spiritual (Mt. 5:14-16)

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