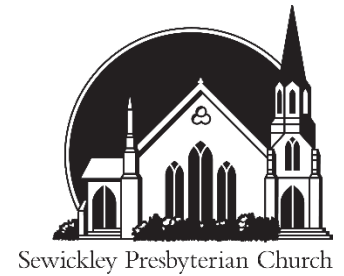


Order of Worship | September 17, 2023

11 AM



Prelude

Toccata in G., *Dietrich Buxtehude*

Introit

Guide My Feet, *African-American spiritual*

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Derek R. Davenport

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:20-22

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord;

People: He is our help and shield.

Leader: Our heart is glad in him,

People: because we trust in his holy name.

Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

People: even as we hope in you.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #684

Faith Begins by Letting Go

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Confession Response

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.

Children's Sermon

Anthem

I Will Remain Faithful to My Shepherd, *J. S. Bach*
Anna Singer, soprano

I will remain faithful to my shepherd. I will rest completely in His will, even in suffering. I know he stands by me in the midst of sorrow, and after my tears, the sun of Jesus will shine again.

I will stay faithful to my shepherd. I live for Jesus, who will rule over me. Rejoice, my heart, even unto death. His grace is enough. Amen. Father, I am yours!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

James 2:14-18

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith.”

I Corinthians 13:8-13

“Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Window Into Faith
Rev. Derek R. Davenport

Sermon Hymn #374

O Holy City, Seen of John

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the

communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Offering & Offertory

We Walk by Faith, *Karen Marrolli*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Prayer Response

Seven-fold Amen, *John Stainer*

Closing Hymn #817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Benediction

Postlude

Final from Symphonie No. 1, *Louis Vierne*

*The flowers are given in honor of
Tait Thorne, United State Naval Academy Graduate 2023
From Bud and Tris Anne Thorne*

PRAYER NEEDS

Prayers for Comfort

Kim Roberts Ference and family on the death of her father, Garris Graham.
The Amigos on the death of their friend, Corinne Meanor.

Prayers for Presence and Healing

Shirley Barker, Debra D'Arrigo, Ginny Gladstone, Linda Hoehl, Joseph Hudak (brother of Patricia Fulmer and Betsy Thomas), Carolyn Lawley (granddaughter of Susie & Bill Wardrop), and Jim Morrissey

Please find a full list of Prayer Needs in the Robinson Room and near the entrance to the Sanctuary

Worship Participants

Rev. Derek R. Davenport

Rev. Emily I. Miller

Rev. Mike Creamer

Choir Director: Dr. Michael Hammer

Soloists:

Raymond Blackwell, Anna Singer,

Paul Yeater

Ushers:

Oliver Rae, Malachy Whalen,

Ann Strong

Tech Crew:

Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,

Alexis Merritt

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Doxology, *Old Hundredth*

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