

**PRELUDE** *When We are in the Highest Need* J.S. Bach

**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN (UMH 127)** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*



1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me  
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou  
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will



till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.  
 still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.  
 ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

WORDS: William Williams, 1745; MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

**LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE**

**PRAYER OF LAMENT, HOPE, AND RESURRECTION**

Amidst the prayers, we will sing our prayer response.

**PRAYER RESPONSE (FWS 2200)** *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*



O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O



Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

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**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (praying together)

**Our Father/Mother/God, 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.**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**SCRIPTURE READING** – James 1:17-27 (NRSV)

**A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL**

Julia Librizzi

**MESSAGE** *Begin Where God Begins*

Rev. Matt Weiler

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Congregational Response: **Forgive Us.**

**ASSURANCE**

Congregational Response: **Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** (FWS 2171) *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_ Where  
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_ Where  
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_ It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. \_\_\_\_\_ Where  
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. \_\_\_\_\_ Where  
is in par-don - ing that we are par - doned, \_\_\_\_\_ in



there is in - ju - ry, your par-don, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
there is dark - ness, \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly light, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, \_\_\_\_\_ and in

1 2, 4 *Fine*

where there's doubt, true faith in you. \_\_\_\_\_  
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek \_\_\_\_\_ so

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, \_\_\_\_\_ to be

un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, \_\_\_\_\_ to be

loved as to love with all my soul. \_\_\_\_\_ *D.C.*

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## OFFERING INVITATION & DEDICATION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *March* by G.F. Handel

Handbell Ensemble

## DOXOLOGY (UMH 94)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## OUR SHARED LIFE

CLOSING HYMN (UMH 707) *Hymn of Promise*

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;  
 2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;  
 3. In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in-fin - i - ty;



in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,  
 In our death, a res-ur - rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Praise to Almighty God* J.S. Bach

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