



**Order of Worship  
October 2, 2022  
10:00 AM**

***The Sacrament of Holy Communion for World Communion Sunday***

*Online Worship  
YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"*

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*I've Found a Friend*

*The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.*

**\*Call to Worship and Opening Prayer (Adapted from Psalm 61:1-4)** Meghan Walker

The Lord is our light and our salvation!

**Why should we be afraid?**

The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

**What have we to fear?**

Let us shout with joy to God!

**Let us sing and make music before our God.**

**O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in your love. O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger. We come with shouts of joy to worship you this day. We come with song and music to celebrate your love. We come with longing to seek your presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises. Amen.**

## **Hymn Introduction**

Meghan Walker

Our opening hymn, *A Shelter in the Time of Storm*, was written in 1880 by Vernon J. Charlesworth, a London pastor who served as headmaster of Charles Spurgeon's Stockwell Orphanage.

In 1884, the hymn appeared in a small London newspaper called *The Postman*, and was soon a favorite of north-shore fisherman. Sailors were often heard singing it as they approached safe harbor in the midst of a storm.

The original hymn was set to an unusual minor tune. Around 1885, Ira D. Sankey discovered the words written by Charlesworth and decided to compose a more practical melody for church use.

The fictional Ingalls Family, on whom books were written and the television series, *Little House on the Prairie* was based, sings *A Shelter in the Time of Storm* in the book, "The Long Winter." Although, the hymn post-dates the historical Hard Winter of 1880-1881, Laura Ingalls Wilder must have been familiar with the hymn to have included it.

The words to this historical, meaningful hymn can be found on the monitors.

## **Opening Hymn**

*A Shelter in the Time of Storm*

See words on last page

## **The Peace of Christ**

Meghan Walker

## **Ministry of Music**

*Sheltered in the Arms of God*

Choir

See words on last page

## **Prayer for Understanding**

*All Praying*

Meghan Walker

**"Together, let us open our hearts and minds to understanding God's Word."  
God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen**

## **Introduction to Psalm 27**

Meghan Walker

Tradition attributes Psalm 27 to David. However, some Biblical scholars contend this is a composite work by at least two authors brought together by an editor. A reason for this is because Psalm 27 is divided into two sections, verses 1-6 and 7-14. The first section declares the power of God and a boundless hope that God will bring rescue and protection

from all enemies. The second section clearly shifts in tone with the declaration, "I believe." Regardless of when it was written or by whom, Psalm 27 is a cry for help, and ultimately a declaration of belief in the greatness of God and trust in the protection God provides.

## **Psalm 27**

### *A Psalm of David*

The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked advance against me  
to devour me,

it is my enemies and my foes  
who will stumble and fall.

3 Though an army besiege me,  
my heart will not fear;

though war break out against me,  
even then I will be confident.

4 One thing I ask from the Lord,  
this only do I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,

to gaze on the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.

5 For in the day of trouble

he will keep me safe in his dwelling;  
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent  
and set me high upon a rock.

6 Then my head will be exalted

above the enemies who surround me;  
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

7 Hear my voice when I call, Lord;  
be merciful to me and answer me.

8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"  
Your face, Lord, I will seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me,  
do not turn your servant away in anger;

you have been my helper.  
 Do not reject me or forsake me,  
 God my Savior.  
 10 Though my father and mother forsake me,  
 the Lord will receive me.  
 11 Teach me your way, Lord;  
 lead me in a straight path  
 because of my oppressors.  
 12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,  
 for false witnesses rise up against me,  
 spouting malicious accusations.

13 I remain confident of this:  
 I will see the goodness of the Lord  
 in the land of the living.  
 14 Wait for the Lord;  
 be strong and take heart  
 and wait for the Lord.

**Sung Response**

*Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land (Refrain)*

*Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;  
 my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.*

**Sermon**

*Shelter of the Rock*

Pastor Debra

**Preparation for Prayer**

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

FWS 2214

See last page for words

**Morning Prayer**

Pastor Debra

**Offertory Invitation**

*Faith Everlasting*

Meghan Walker

Remembering God's love for us, our offerings reflect our love for God and our commitment to grow ministries that share this embracing love with others. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise. Would the ushers please come forward.

**Doxology is Sung**

**Prayer of Dedication for the Offering**

Pastor Debra

**We acknowledge that our very lives belong to you. We now offer back to you a portion of what you have given us. Father, prepare us to open our eyes for ways we can serve you. Jesus, open our hands for service. Holy Spirit, open our hearts and pour into them your great love that we, in turn, may share it with others. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**Invitation to Holy Communion**

Pastor Debra

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Debra

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

Pastor Debra

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**Glory to God! Amen!**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Pastor Debra

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
You have made from one every nation and people  
to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.  
He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth  
and to make disciples of all nations,  
and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."  
When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world,  
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people  
to witness faithfully in your name.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **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.**

### **Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

Communion Hymns (see last page for words)

Victory in Jesus

UMH 370

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Meghan Walker

Day after day after day you give yourself to us: in two or more gathered in your name, in connection across the miles, and in bread and cup. As we go from this worship, may we feel restored to your body, companioned by your people, and sustained by the power of your Spirit as we witness to your healing and reconciling work. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### **Closing Hymn**

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

UMH 559

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### **Benediction**

### **Sung Response**

*Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land (Refrain)*

*Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;  
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.*

### **Postlude**

*God Is Our Salvation*

OPENING Hymn

## A Shelter in the Time of Storm

*The Lord is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge. Psa. 94:22  
Thou hast been... a refuge from the storm. Isa. 25:4 ...the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. 32:2*

1. The Lord's our Rock, in Him we hide, A Shelter in the time of storm;  
2. A shade by day, de - fence by night, A Shelter in the time of storm;  
3. The rag - ing storms may round us beat, A Shelter in the time of storm;  
4. O Rock di - vine, O Ref - uge dear, A Shelter in the time of storm;

Se - cure what - ev - er ill be - tide, A Shelter in the time of storm.  
No fears a - larm, no foes a - fright, A Shelter in the time of storm.  
We'll nev - er leave our safe Re - treat, A Shelter in the time of storm.  
Be Thou our Help - er ev - er near, A Shelter in the time of storm.

*Refrain*

Oh, Je - sus is a Rock in a wea - ry land, A wea - ry land, a wea - ry land;

Oh, Je - sus is a Rock in a wea - ry land, A Shelter in the time of storm.



## **SHELTERED IN THE ARMS OF GOD**

*I feel the touch of hands so kind and tender.  
They're leading me in paths that I must tread;  
I have no fear when Jesus walks beside me.  
For I'm sheltered in the arms of God.  
So let the storms rage high,  
The dark clouds rise;  
They won't worry me,  
For I'm sheltered safe within the arms of God;  
He walks with me  
And naught of Earth shall harm me.  
For I'm sheltered in the arms of God.  
For I'm sheltered in the arms of God.*

*Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, help me stand  
I am tired, I am weak,  
I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall  
Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.  
I am sheltered  
In His arms,  
The arms of God.*

## **LEAD ME, GUIDE ME**

*Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

## VICTORY IN JESUS

*Refrain:*

*O Victory in Jesus,  
My Savior forever!*

*He sought me and brought me with his redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew him,  
And all my love is due him;  
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.*

*I heard an old, old story,  
how a Savior came from glory,  
How he gave his life on Calvary  
To save a wretch like me;  
I heard about his groaning,  
Of his precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory. **Refrain***

*I heard about his healing,  
Of his cleansing power revealing,  
How he made the lame to walk again  
And caused the blind to see;  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,  
come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. **Refrain***

*I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory,  
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing  
And the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there  
The song of victory. **Refrain***

## BLESSED ASSURANCE

### *Refrain:*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

### **(Refrain)**

*Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.*

### **(Refrain)**

## CHRIST IS MADE SURE THE FOUNDATION

*Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone;  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and her confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today!  
With thy faithful loving-kindness  
hear thy people as they pray,*

*and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.*

*Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain;  
what they gain from thee forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.*

*Laud and honor to the Father,  
laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit,  
ever three and ever one;  
one in might and one in glory,  
while unending ages run.*