

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Northport, New York
August 7, 2022 ~ 10:00AM
ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND WELCOME

PRELUDE "Prayer Prelude" Michael Larkin

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord comes to us this day. Are you ready?

P: We are ready!

L: The Lord challenges us to be in ministries of peace and hope. Are you ready?

P: We are ready!

L: Let us praise God who calls us to serve God by helping others.

P: Praise be to God who has given us hope and peace. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: "How Firm A Foundation" UMH#529**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God,
thank you for seeking us out,
for gathering us before you,
for not keeping silent in the face of our need.
Thank you for calling us into account,
and for challenging us with strong words
to be a people of covenant and justice.
Thank you for assuring us that we need not be afraid,
for it is your good pleasure to give us your kingdom.
In courage and hope,
we come before you this hour,
to hear your Word and prepare our hearts
for the unexpected hour of your coming.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (NRSV)

HYMN: "Through It All" UMH#507

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Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God; through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon God's word.

SECOND READING: Luke 12:32-40 (NRSV)

SERMON: "I Am Going On A Journey..."

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

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*DOXOLOGY: UMH#95

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION (See Liturgy)

*CLOSING HYMN: "I Want To Be Ready" UMH#722

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I want to be ready,
I want to be ready,
I want to be ready
to walk in Jerusalem just like John.
O John, O John, what did you say?
Walk in Jerusalem just like John!
That you'd be there on judgment day.
Walk in Jerusalem just like John!

I want to be ready,
I want to be ready,
I want to be ready
to walk in Jerusalem just like John.
John said the city was just four-square. Walk in Jerusalem just like
John! And he declared he'd meet me there.
Walk in Jerusalem just like John!

I want to be ready,

I want to be ready,
I want to be ready
to walk in Jerusalem just like John.
Now sinners,
mind how you step on the cross. Walk in Jerusalem just like John!
Your foot might slip and your soul get lost.
Walk in Jerusalem just like John!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “I Need Thee Every Hour”

Charles Callahan