AS WE GATHER – How easy it is to become anxious when things go differently than we had hoped. We worry about ourselves and our loved ones. We experience everyday anxieties and big cosmic ones too. Sometimes anxiety can become so serious that professional help is needed. Paul writes in Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Easier said than done, Paul! Jesus invites us to let anxiety be. Concerning the things most of us worry about—like food, clothing, provisions—Jesus observes that just as the birds, the lilies, and the grass are well-provided for, we will be taken care of as well. The adventure of life is one of faith: entrusting ourselves to the care of God, seeking first God's reign, and experiencing the rich provision enjoyed by all of creation as a gift.

PRESERVICE MUSIC "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" by E. L. Ashford

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

WELCOME

[means please stand; means please be seated]

OPENING HYMN The God of Abraham Praise LSB 798 vs. 1, 3, 7-9

1 The God of Abr’ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a-bove;
   An-cient of ever-last-ing days And God of love.
   Shall guide me all my pil-grim days In all my ways.

3 The God of Abr’ham praise, Whose all-suf-fi-cient grace

Je-ho-vah, great I AM! By earth and heav’n con-fessed;
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him-self my God.

(continued)
I bow and bless the sacred name Forever, blest.
And He shall save me to the end Through Jesus' blood.

7. There dwells the Lord our king,
The Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height
His kingdom He maintains
And glorious with His saints in light
Forever reigns.

8. The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was and is the same
And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM!
We worship Thee!

9. The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
I join the heav'nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine
And endless praise! Amen.

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES
Psalm 33:20-22
P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Our soul waits for the Lord;
C He is our help and our shield.
P For our heart is glad in Him,
C because we trust in His holy name.
P Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
C even as we hope in You.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
P Loving God,
C we confess our alienation from You both by nature and by choice. Help us to know and believe how much You love us. Let us abide in Your love even as You abide in us always. Heal us with forgiveness for Jesus' sake.
P Our dear Holy Trinity in mercy has given the Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

INTROIT
Ps. 147:8-11; antiphon: Ps. 147:7
P Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
C make melody to our God on the lyre!
P He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;
C he makes grass grow on the hills.
He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!

KYRIE
O Lord, who by Your promise of a child was Abraham’s shield and great reward,
have mercy on us.
O Christ, who inspired the faith of Your saints of old,
have mercy on us.
O Lord, who richly cares and provides for all Your children,
have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE
Father Most Holy

1 Father most holy, merciful, and tender; Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning; Spirit of comfort,
bound, very God of heaven, Light of the angels,
worship were and are created; Now, as we also persons, over all exalted! Glory we offer,
advocate, defender, Light never waning;
joy of those forsaken, Hope of all living,
worship Thee devoutly, Hear Thou our voices.
praise Thee and adore Thee, Now and forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Let us pray.
All: Almighty and Merciful God, by Your grace we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.
SHARING OF THE PEACE
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.
P Let us share this peace with one another.
(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you."

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
L This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
L This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE
All: Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to You, O Lord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY Have No Fear, Little Flock

Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock;
Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above;
Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,

flock, For the Father has chosen To give you the kingdom; Have no fear, little flock!
father will keep you In His love forever; Have good cheer, little flock!
He stoops down to heal you, Up and restore you; Praise the Lord high above!
God, For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you; Thankful hearts raise to God!

SERMON  "WHAT, ME WORRY?"  Luke 12:22-34
I.  It is so easy to worry and be anxious as we face all the cares and burdens of life.
II.  Jesus reminds us today that He has already given us what cannot be taken away—the gift of His grace and salvation.

APOSTLE'S CREED
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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING  "Fugue"  by Dietrich Buxtehude

OFFERTORY
Petrus Herbert, d. 1571
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827--78

TALLIS' CANON
Thomas Tallis, ca. 1505–85

Faith is a Living Power from Heaven

Text and tune: Public domain
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. Loving God, grant us the freedom to let anxiety be. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving God, grant us eyes that see and hearts that appreciate Your grace in calling people out of the nothing of darkness into the kingdom of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving God, grant us wise and faithful pastors who speak Your truth in love and Your love in truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving God, grant us civil leaders in every society that serve for the good of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving God, grant healing to the sick and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving God, grant us together with all Your saints life eternal in Your kingdom, which has no end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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 and ever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Be Still, My Soul, Before the Lord

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1 Be still, my soul, be before the Lord, For
2 You need not multiply your words Nor
3 Wait, then, in quiet confidence, Your
4 Be still, my soul, be before the Lord; On

(continued)
God is always near. Before your mind is
pray with practiced art. Beyond all speech, God
anxious thoughts at rest. God knows your needs be-
God in patience wait. God’s love, unseen, sur-
moved to pray, God listens and will hear.
understands The hunger of your heart.
fore you ask And works for what is best.
rounds your life; God’s help will not be late.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE "Postlude in F" by E. L. Ashford

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August 18: "An Open Mind for the Future"; Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, Guest Speaker
August Archives: Closing our minds to spiritual fads and embracing the words of Jesus opens up a great future for all who believe. (Acts 17:18-32)