

A photograph of a field of tall grasses, likely a meadow, bathed in warm, golden light. The sun is positioned in the upper right corner, creating a bright flare and casting long, soft shadows. The grasses are in various stages of growth, with some showing seed heads. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a dense forest or more trees. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Peace in Anxious Times
March 22, 2020
Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago
4th Sunday of Lent

Call to Worship

from Psalm 18

Leader: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

**All: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised.**

Leader: The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;
the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.
In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.

**All: From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.
I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised.**

1. To you O Lord I call, My Rock, be not deaf to me. To you O
Lord, I call, O hear the voice of my plea. When I cry to you for
help, When I cry to you for help,

2. Bless'd be the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my plea.
Bless'd be the Lord for he is my strength and my shield. In
him my heart ex - ults, In him my heart ex - ults.

Psalm 28, Music by Paul van der Bijl, 2015

Confession of Sin

from 1 John 4:18-19

Leader: God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

All: We love because he first loved us.

Leader: Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

All: The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Sing to Confess

Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side:___ Bear pa - tient -
Be still, my soul! thy God doth un - der - take___ To guide the

ly the cross of grief and pain;___ Leave to thy God to
fu - ture as He has the past.___ Thy hope, thy con - fi -

or - der and pro - vide;___ In ev - ery change He faith - ful will re -
dence let noth - ing shake;___ All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at

main.___ Be still my soul! thy best, thy heav'n - ly Friend___
last.___ Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know___

___ Thro' thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
___ His voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.

Be Still My Soul, Words: Katharina A. von Scheigel 1752; Music Jean Sibelius, 1899

All: Silent time to pray and confess

a prayer to help with confession:

*Most merciful God,
I confess that I have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what I have done,
and by what I have left undone.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved my neighbor as myself.
I am truly sorry and I humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on me and forgive me;
that I may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:13-15

Leader: By this we know that we abide in him and he in us,

All: because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in them, and they in God.

1 When peace like a ri - ver at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3 My sin— O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin— not in
 4 And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll; what e - ver my lot, thou has taught me to
 su - rance con - trol: that Christ has re - gar - ded my help - less es -
 part but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall des -

Refrain

say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. It is well _____
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is
 cend: "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul. It is

_____ with my soul, _____ It is well, it is well with my soul.
 well _____ with my soul,

It is Well With My Soul, Philip Paul Bliss / Christopher C. C. Stafford

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker
Peace in Anxious Times, Psalm 20

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
 May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!
May he send you help from the sanctuary
 and give you support from Zion!
May he remember all your offerings
 and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! Selah

May he grant you your heart's desire
 and fulfill all your plans!
May we shout for joy over your salvation,
 and in the name of our God set up our banners!
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!

Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;
 he will answer him from his holy heaven
 with the saving might of his right hand.
Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
 but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
They collapse and fall,
 but we rise and stand upright.

O LORD, save the king!
 May he answer us when we call.

Prayers of Intercession

moment of silent prayer

Gra-nt mer - cy and peace, To all those bow'd in grief In our
ho - ur of need. Grant mer - cy and
pea - ce. Gra-nt mer - cy and peace.

Grant Mercy and Peace, Paul van der Bijl, 2011

Statement of Faith

Apostle's Creed, 2nd Century AD

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.

Go With Joy



O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der Con-sid-er
And when I think that God his son not spa-ring, Sent Him to
When Christ shall come with shouts of ac-cla-ma-tion And take me



all the works Thy hands have made, I see the stars
die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross,
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow



I hear the roll-ing thun-der Thy pow'r thro'-out the u-ni-verse dis-
my bur-dens glad-ly bear-ing, He bled and died to take a-way my
in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, And there pro-claim, my God, how great Thou



played.
sin. Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee; How great Thou
art.



art, How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav-ior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

How Great Thou Art, Words: John Adams (1767-1848). Music: Lowell Mason, 1824.

Leader:

Benediction

Romans 15:5-7 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.