

WORSHIP TOGETHER

for the week beginning February 28, 2021



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United Methodist Church

*“...seeking to be a community
where all can experience
meaningful relationship with God,
grow in Christ, and
reach out in love to others;
a community where
all can love and be loved
and be accepted
as you are”*

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our gathering

Welcome

Lighting of the Candles

The Words of Grace

“God Is My Strong Salvation”

No. 769, Moravian Book of Worship (1995)

God is my strong salvation,
no enemy I fear;
he hears my supplication,
dispelling all my care;
if he, my head and master,
defend me from above,
what pain or what disaster
can part me from his love?

I fully am persuaded
and joyfully declare
I'm never left unaided,
my Father hears my prayer;
his comforts never fail me,
he stands at my right hand;
when tempests fierce assail me,
they're calm at his command.

The ground of my profession
is Jesus and his blood;
he gives me the possession
of everlasting good.
To me his Holy Spirit
speaks many a precious word
of rest to one who's seeking
a refuge in the Lord.

our reading & reflection

Ecclesiastes 9:1-10

Common English Bible

Reflection

After-death: The Grave (Sheol)

Pastor Jacob

“While The Days Are Going By”

WORDS: George Cooper, 1870 MUSIC: Ira David Sankey, 1881

There are lonely hearts to cherish,
While the days are going by;
There are weary souls who perish,
While the days are going by;
If a smile we can renew,
As our journey we pursue,
O, the good we all may do,
While the days are going by!

Refrain:

Going by, going by,
Going by, going by;
O, the good we all may do,
While the days are going by!

2 There's no time for idle scorning,
While the days are going by;
Let your face be like the morning,
While the days are going by;
For the world is full of sighs,
Full of sad and weeping eyes;
Help your fallen brother rise,
While the days are going by. [Refrain]

3 All the loving links that bind us,
While the days are going by;
One by one we leave behind us,
While the days are going by;
But the seeds of good we sow,
Both in shade and shine will grow,
And will keep our hearts aglow,
While the days are going by. [Refrain]

our prayers

Voice 1: God of us all, your love never ends.
When all else fails, you still are God.
We pray for one another in our need,
and for all, anywhere—
in our world,
in our community and neighborhoods,
our friends and family—
who need your love and presence now.

Voice 2: Let us begin by offering our prayers for the world.

Silence is kept.

Let us pray for our communities and neighborhoods.

Silence is kept.

Let us pray for our friends and families.

Silence is kept.

Let us pray for ourselves.

Silence is kept.

Voice 1: To all those who doubt, give light;
to those who are weak, strength;
to all who have sinned, mercy;
to all who sorrow, your peace.
Keep true in us
the love with which we hold one another.
In all our ways we trust you.
And to you,
with your Church on earth and in heaven,
we offer honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**ALL: God of love, we thank you
for all which you have blessed us
even to this day:
for the gift of joy in days of health and strength
and for the gifts of your abiding presence and promise
in days of pain and grief.
We praise you for home and friends,
and for our baptism and place in your Church
with all who have faithfully lived and died.
Above all else we thank you for Jesus,
who knew our griefs,
who died our death and rose for our sake,
and who lives and prays for us.**

Voice 1: As Jesus taught us, so now we pray.

**All: 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.**

Amen

No. 898, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

our going forth

Dismissal with Blessing

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

You are welcome to stay (in whatever space you are joining us) and fellowship—get to know and check-in and enjoy the company of others.

