

Sewickley United Methodist Church
April 21, 2024



**Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

PRELUDE "Jubilation"
Fred Gramann Clocktower Ringers

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered rocks.

People: But the Lord was not in the wind.

Leader: After the wind there was an earthquake.

People: But the Lord was not in the earthquake.

Leader: After the earthquake came a fire.

People: But the Lord was not in the fire

Leader: And after the fire came the sound of sheer silence.

People: And Elijah knew that was where he would hear the voice of the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN..... "How Firm a Foundation"
Early USA melody, harm. From "Tabor" No. 529 (v 1, 2 & 3)

1. 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?
2. 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.
3. When through the 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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTROIT "O Worship the King"
arr. by Frances L Callahan Clocktower Ringers

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 33:6-22

⁶ The LORD merely spoke, and the heavens were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born.

⁷ He assigned the sea its boundaries and locked the oceans in vast reservoirs. ⁸ Let the whole world fear the LORD, and let everyone stand in awe of him. ⁹ For when he spoke, the world began! It appeared at his command. ¹⁰ The LORD frustrates the plans of the nations and thwarts all their schemes. ¹¹ But the LORD's plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never be shaken. ¹² What joy for the nation whose God is the LORD, whose people he has chosen as his inheritance. ¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven and sees the whole

*Please stand in body or in Spirit

human race. ¹⁴ From his throne he observes all who live on the earth. ¹⁵ He made their hearts, so he understands everything they do. ¹⁶ The best-equipped army cannot save a king, nor is great strength enough to save a warrior. ¹⁷ Don't count on your warhorse to give you victory— for all its strength, it cannot save you. ¹⁸ But the LORD watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his unfailing love. ¹⁹ He rescues them from death and keeps them alive in times of famine. ²⁰ We put our hope in the LORD. He is our help and our shield. ²¹ In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. ²² Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our hope is in you alone.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God;
People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD..... "Do, Lord, Remember Me"
African American Spiritual and arr. by William F Smith..... No. 527 (v 1, 2, 3 & 1)

1. Do Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, remember me; do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, remember me;
do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord remember me; singing do, Lord, remember me.
 2. I took Jesus as my Savior, do, Lord, remember me.
I took Jesus as my Savior, do, Lord, remember me.
I took Jesus as my Savior, do, Lord, remember me.; singing do, Lord, remember me.
 3. When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me.
When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me.
When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me; singing do, Lord, remember me.
1. Do Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, remember me; do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, remember me;
do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord remember me; singing do, Lord, remember me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Lord, Be Glorified"
arr. by Derek K Hakes..... Clocktower Ringers

*DOXOLOGY..... No. 95

*PASTORAL PRAYER

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

MESSAGE..... "Jesus: My Anchor"

*PARTING HYMN..... "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Joseph M Scriven and Charles C Converse No. 526 (v 1, 2 & 3)

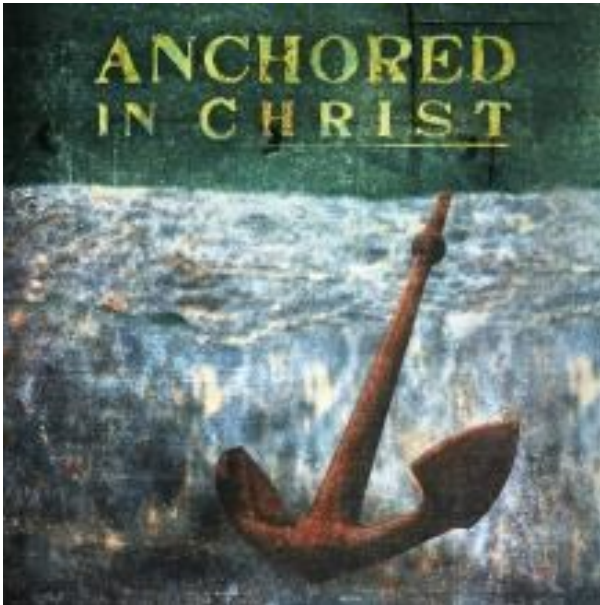
1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.


***BENEDICTION**

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE.....“Lead On, O King Eternal”
arr. by Frances L Callahan..... Clocktower Ringers

POSTLUDE Erik Kolodziej



CHRIST . . .
strengthens,
supports,
encourages,
empowers.



*The LORD is my strength
and my shield.*

Psalm 28:7

**Jesus: My Strength
Jesus: My Anchor
Jesus: My Savior**

TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS

PASTOR..... Rev. Hannah M. Loughman
LITURGIST..... Johnathan Burnett
MUSIC..... Erik Kolodziej
CS WORSHIP COORDINATOR Kelly Herman
A/V..... Kelly Apple and Ginny Heinzl
NURSERY Sophia Geason and Diane Bartley
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Diane Dripps and Archer Dripps
USHERS Debbie and Joe Consoli