HYMN NOTES:
“It Is Well with My Soul” (840)
Deeply spiritual Chicago Presbyterian laymen, Horatio G. Spafford, wrote this hymn text in 1873. A lawyer and successful business man, he had some months before the Chicago Fire of 1871 invested heavily in real estate on the shore of Lake Michigan. His holdings were wiped out in the fire. Just before this he had experienced the death of his son. Desiring a rest for his wife and four daughters, they planned a European trip for the family in 1873. At the last minute a business matter developed and Spafford sent the family on ahead as scheduled on the S.S. Ville du Havre and planned to join them in a few days. On November 22 the ship was struck by the Locheearn, an English vessel, and sank in twelve minutes. Several days later the survivors landed at Cardiff, Wales and Mrs. Spafford cabled her husband, “Saved alone.” Spafford left by ship to join his bereaved wife. It is thought that on the sea near the area where it was thought his four daughters had drowned, he penned this text, “When sorrows like sea billows roll…..” Phillip Bliss was so impressed with Spafford’s experience and the faith he exhibited in saying “….it is well with my soul…” that he shortly wrote the music and published it in 1876.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...
Monday, March 30: Donna Bushman, John Hildebrand, Samantha Speer
Tuesday, March 31: Lynn Probst
Wednesday, April 1: Ed Lyon, Ginny Zimmer
Thursday, April 2: Jackie Kovilaritch
Friday, April 3: William Jeffrey, Janice Ridgway, Bernetta Williams, Colin Means
Saturday, April 4: Jim Speer, Sue Walker, Jack Mattson

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by
Jean Swintek
In Memory of Dear Husband John
Four Daughters and Their Families
In Honor of Parents 40th Anniversary—Doug & Georgianna Winder

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
8:15 & 11:00 AM
CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings, including Christian Education for children, youth and adults until further notice. We are exploring ways in which we can meet virtually. Please use our website for up to date information.

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger
If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger at and she will send you the meeting details each week. vickilee33@aol.com

PRAYER
Most merciful and Triune God,
We come to you in our weakness.
We come to you in our fear.
We come to you with trust.
For you alone are our hope.
We place before you the disease present in our world.
We turn to you in our time of need.
Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.
Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in your care.
Jesus, I trust in you.
Jesus, I trust in you.
Jesus, I trust in you.
Amen.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #819  “Be Still My Soul”  FINLANDIA
(stanzas 1, 2)

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
Who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
Be still my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while they dwelt below.

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING  Habakkuk 3:1-19 (NIV)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #840  “When Peace like a River”  VILLE DU HAVRE
(stanzas 1, 2)

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:  It is well, with my soul; It is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Refrain

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

You who make all things new, look with mercy as we confess our sin.
The seeds of destruction find fertile soil in us; we nurture them to fruition.
We pluck the yield and find it delightful; we rejoice in the evil harvest we have sown.
O God, teach us to sow your Holy Spirit, and reap eternal life. In Jesus name, Amen.

BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING  “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”  James G. Howes, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  “Trumpet Tune Duet”  Jeremiah Clarke  (1673-1707)

SOLO  “God So Loved the World”  John Stainer  James G. Howes, Soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: Faith in Unprecedented Times
#1  “Trust and Joy in the Midst of Trouble”  Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Whom Shall I Fear” (God of Angel Armies)