HYMN NOTES:
Eternal Father, Strong to Save (8)
Written by William Whiting for a student who was about to set sail for America (1860). In America it is now known as the Navy Hymn because it is used at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. It is also sung on English ships. This was the favorite hymn of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and was sung at his funeral in 1945. It also was played by the Navy band in 1963 as John F. Kennedy’s body was carried up the steps of the Capitol building to lie in state. The tune name, MELITA, was composed in 1861 for this text. Melita is the ancient name of the island of Malta, where Paul was shipwrecked (Acts 28:1-2). The final stanza is a summary prayer to the Trinity for the safety of sailors—and all of us are sailors on the sea of life.

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.
Teachers: Lyn Probst & Kelsey Probst
3rd-5th Grades Room 8
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.
Teachers: Todd & Kathleen Pope

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Dan Gibson & Mauricio Estavil
1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Jean Swintek

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.
Teachers: Barbara Englehart & Carissa Johnston

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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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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! 
My faith it is an oaken staff, the trav’lers well-loved aid.

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN  
(Children age 3 (by 9/13) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

WE GATHER  
(LET THE CONGREGATION BE SILENT, AND IN PRAYER AS THE MUSIC BEGINS.  
PLEASE SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES.)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY  “Nocturne”  Felix Mendelssohn  
Dick Casper, Violin

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
(please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and place it in the offering plate later in the service.)

*HYMN #60

“Aleluias! Sing to Jesus”  HYFYDOL

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)  
God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their lives for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader:  Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.  
People:  In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581  
GLORIA PATRI  
“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.”

ANTHEM

“My faith it is an oaken staff, the trav’lers well-loved aid:”  
Craig Courtney  
Dick Casper, Violin

My faith it is an oaken staff, the trav’lers well-loved aid:  
My faith, it is a weapon stout, the soldier’s trusty blade.  
I’ll travel on, and still be stirred by prayerful thought or holy Word;  
By all my peril undeterred, a soldier pilgrim staid.

I have a guide, and in His steps when travelers have trod,  
If there beneath was flinty rock or yielding grassy sod,  
They cared not, but with force unspent, unmoved by pain, they onward went,  
Unstayed by pleasures, still they bent their zealous course to God.

My faith, it is an oaken staff, O let me on it lean!  
My faith, it is a trusty sword, may falsehood find it keen!  
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*HYMN #8  “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”  
MELITA

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  
arr Clay Christiansen

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”  
(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

PRAISE SONGS  
“A New Hallelujah”  
“Trading My Sorrows”  
“Nothing Ever (Could Separate Us)”

MEET & GREET  
“We Believe”

WORSHIP CONTINUES  
“This Is My Land”  
Larry Stephen

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

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and let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” -Colossians 3:15a

*Doxology—#609  LAST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER  
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WE SHARE

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING  (pages 491-492)  
Psalm 116:1-15 (NRSV)

HYMN #329

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”  
WINCHESTER OLD

*DOXOLOGY—#609

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CREATOR, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN #260

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”  HYFYDOL

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WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #9

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”  MELITA

*SONG OF DEDICATION

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