

**Florence United Methodist Church**  
*Rev. Logan McLean Strike, Pastor*

**Reign of Christ Sunday**  
**November 20, 2022**



**Call to Worship**

It is done. God has always been in charge—yesterday and today. Even when things seem out of control, God’s reign is on its way. Let us prepare the way for God.

– Hans Holznagel, *Ministry Matters*

**Opening Prayer**

So many things call for our attention and loyalty. But today, we return to You, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. Awaken our hearts to your presence here and now. Keep showing us the freedom that comes to us and to our world when we live in your kingdom. **Amen.**

**Gathering Song: TFWS 2145**  
**I’ve Got Peace Like a River**

I’ve got \*peace like a river\*,  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.  
\*joy like a fountain\*, \*love like an ocean\*

**Psalm 46: Call and Response**

*Sung:*

**A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing.**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the  
earth should change, though the  
mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad  
the city of God, the holy habitation of the  
Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved; God will help it at the dawn of the day.

**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
God’s voice resounds, the earth melts,**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

*Sung:*

**A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord, who has wrought desolations in the earth;

**Who makes wars cease to the end of the  
earth, breaks the bow, shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire!**

“Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!”

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of  
Jacob is our refuge.**

*Sung:*

**A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing.**

**Gospel Acclamation: W&S 3148**  
**There’s a Spirit of Love in this Place**

There’s a spirit of love in this place,  
there’s a spirit of love in this place.  
You can’t see it, but it’s there  
just as precious as the air.  
There’s a spirit of love in this place.  
O alleluia, sing alleluia!  
We bless your holy name,  
(we bless your name)  
O alleluia, sing alleluia!  
There’s a spirit of love in this place.

**Gospel: Luke 1:68-79**

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.”

“Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days.”

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

### **Sermon**

#### **Choir: UMH 377 It Is Well With My Soul**

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

#### *Refrain:*

It is well (It is well)  
With my soul (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 has regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

#### *Refrain*

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

#### *Refrain*

And, Lord, haste the day  
when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound,  
and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.

#### *Refrain*

### **Prayers of the People Intentional Prayer**

To send a prayer request to Florence United Methodist Church, email:  
kathywaterman10@gmail.com

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth  
as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin  
against us. Save us from the time of trial, and  
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever.  
Amen.

### **Announcements**

Food Share Focus in November: Non-edibles

United Women in Faith Sale Nov. 20 after  
church and Nov. 21, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Sanctuary set-up for Advent will be the Friday,  
Nov. 25, at 3 p.m.

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### **Benediction**

#### **Sending Song: TFWS 2235b Siyahamba**

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of,  
the light of God.  
Siyahamba (hamba), Siyahamba (hamba),  
we are marching in the light of God.  
*repeat*

### **Dismissal**

Serve your God with patience and passion. Be  
deliberate in enacting your faith. Be steadfast in  
celebrating the Spirit's power. And may peace be  
your way in the world. Amen.

– UMC Book of Worship, 559

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