



*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.*

—Horatio G. Spafford

*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God:  
I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee.*



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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

The Season of Pentecost  
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Hymn No. #374 "**Standing on the  
Promises**"

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*Liturgist: O sing to the Lord a new song, for  
the Lord has done marvelous things!  
God's right hand and holy arm have gotten  
the victory.

\***ALL**: **The Lord has declared victory, and**

**has revealed his vindication in the sight  
of the nations.**

\*Liturgist: The Lord has remembered this  
steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of  
Israel.

\***ALL: All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.**

\*Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all  
the earth;

\***ALL: break forth into joyous song and  
sing praises!**

## **INVOCATION AND WELCOME**

Old Testament Lesson: **Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-  
18**

Page 215*f.* in the small pew Bible;  
page 267*f.* in the large print.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of  
God!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

Chorus: No. 2243 "**We All Are One in  
Mission**"

Psalter - **Psalm 34: 15-22** (Response #2)  
Pages 770 & 769 in Hymnal

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God!

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## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin, calling for  
God's transforming power.

(silence)

Pastor: Source of life,

**ALL: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

New Testament Lesson: **John 6: 56-69**

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of  
God!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "The Scandal of Particularity"

## **Praise and Prayer**

Lord's Prayer (**in unison**)

**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.**

Offering

Hymn No. 172 "**My Jesus, I Love Thee**"

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Benediction

**\*SHALOM TO YOU**

*(Please form a circle and hold hands.)*

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

**\*=Please stand at this sign, as you  
choose.**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Ann Muse and Vinnette Leinaar & Family

Ruth Dixon and Family

Sylvia & Wayne Schneider

**United States**: Separated Families

**Missions:** Haiti, Africa, Syria & Middle East

## **SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm Pot-Luck;

7:00pm *BIBLE STUDY (Mark)*

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS** by  
Tanglewoods Floral Boutique, LLC

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Mrs. Ruth Dixon, song leader

Rev'd. Robert Hoem, pastor

Mrs. Sarah Hope, pianist

Ms. Vicki Schmidt, liturgist

Mrs. Carol Stull, pianist

Mr. Bill White, audio