



BARRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost ~ Hope, Third Sunday of Stewardship

Outside Service

Pastor Margaret Keyser, preaching

REFLECTION

“Be the stream, not the rock. Pray for endurance. Know the Lord has a plan. And finally, be a reflection of hope to the world. Let them know where your hope, faith, and trust lies, sharing the light and hope with them.” ~ C.J. Peterson

PRELUDE

Be Still and Know with Be Still, My Soul-arr. by M. Haye
We Bow Down-T. Paris, arr. M. Hayes

Deb Page

GREETING

Pastor Margaret Keyser

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim VanWert

Leader: To You oh Lord, we lift our souls, in You we put our trust!

People: No one whose hope is in You, will ever be put to shame, oh God.

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and merciful; the Lord forgives our sins

People: The Lord is our Light and our salvation, the Stronghold of our lives!

All: Guide us in Your truth, oh Lord, and renew our hearts and minds.

GATHERING HYMN (brown #26)

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;

Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ill prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe- His craft and pow'r are great,

And, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,

Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He- Lord Sabaoth His name,

From age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And tho this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,

We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph thru us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him- His rage we can endure,

For lo, his doom is sure: One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them abideth;

The Spirit and the gifts are ours thru Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go this mortal life also-the body they may kill;

God's truth abideth still: His kingdom is forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Because He Lives-Gaither/Gaither

Karla Peterson & Deb Page-vocalists

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1Peter 1:3-9

Hebrews 11:1

Jim VanWert

Pastor Margaret Keyser

SERMON

“Let Us Hold on to Our Living Hope”

Pastor Margaret Keyser

HYMN (brown #349)

Trust and Obey

**When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will He abides with us still and with all who will trust and obey!**

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

**Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, but His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt not a fear, nor a sigh nor a tear, can abide while we trust and obey.**

Refrain:

**Not a burden we bear. Not a sorrow we share, but our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief not a loss, not a frown not a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.**

Refrain:

**But we never can prove the delights of His love until all on the altar we lay;
For a favor He shows and the joy He bestows are for them who will trust and obey.**

Refrain:

**Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet, or we'll walk by His Side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go- never fear, only trust and obey.**

Refrain:

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Margaret Keyser

HYMN (brown #406)

My Hope is in the Lord

**My hope is in the Lord who gave Himself for me,
And paid the price for all my sin at Calvary**

Refrain:

For me He died, For me He live, and everlasting life and light He freely gives.

**No merit of my own His anger to suppress,
My only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness.**

Refrain:

**And now for me He stand before the Father's throne,
He shows His wounded hands, and names me as His own.**

Refrain:

**His grace has planned it all, tis mine but to believe,
And recognize His work of love and Christ receive.**

Refrain:

BENEDICTION

Pastor Margaret Keyser

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen*

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness-arr. D. Woods

Deborah Page

Thank you to Karla Peterson & Deb Page for being the vocalist today.