

Sewickley United Methodist Church

April 14, 2024

Jesus

STRONG



Order of Worship
Third Sunday of Easter

PRELUDEErik Kolodziej

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now I know this:

People: "That the Lord saves his anointed;"

Leader: he will answer him from his holy heaven

People: with the saving might of his right hand.

Leader: Some trust in chariots and some in horses,

People: but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

ALL: God, we proclaim our faith in you as we worship you today.

*OPENING HYMN..... "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
William Williams, Peter Williams and John Hughes No. 127 (v 1, 2 & 3)

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTROIT "Sanctuary/ I Exalt Thee"
.....SUMC Singers

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 28
A psalm of David. ¹I pray to you, O LORD, my rock. Do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you are silent, I might as well give up and die. ²Listen to my prayer for mercy as I cry out to you for help, as I lift my hands toward

*Please stand in body or in Spirit

your holy sanctuary. ³ Do not drag me away with the wicked—with those who do evil—those who speak friendly words to their neighbors while planning evil in their hearts. ⁴ Give them the punishment they so richly deserve! Measure it out in proportion to their wickedness. Pay them back for all their evil deeds! Give them a taste of what they have done to others. ⁵ They care nothing for what the LORD has done or for what his hands have made. So he will tear them down, and they will never be rebuilt! ⁶ Praise the LORD! For he has heard my cry for mercy. ⁷ The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving. ⁸ The LORD gives his people strength. He is a safe fortress for his anointed king. ⁹ Save your people! Bless Israel, your special possession. Lead them like a shepherd, and carry them in your arms forever.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God;

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD..... "Blessed Assurance"
Fanny J Crosby and Phoebe P Knapp..... No. 369 (v 1, 2, & 3)

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (*Refrain*)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (*Refrain*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Draw Me to the Cross"
Gary W Matthews and arr. By Lloyd Larson SUMC Singers

*DOXOLOGY..... No. 95

*PASTORAL PRAYER

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

MESSAGE..... "Jesus: My Strength"

*PARTING HYMN..... "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
Dorothy A Thrupp and William B Bradbury No. 381 (v 1, 2 & 4)

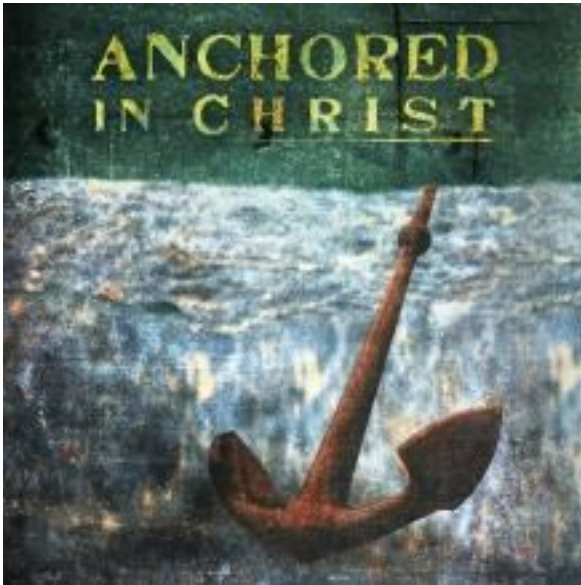
1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
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4. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



CHRIST . . .
 strengthens,
 supports,
 encourages,
 empowers.



*The LORD is my strength
 and my shield.*

Psalm 28:7

**Jesus: My Strength
 Jesus: My Anchor
 Jesus: My Savior**

TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS

- PASTOR..... Rev. Hannah M. Loughman
 LITURGIST..... Ron Smith
 MUSIC..... Erik Kolodziej
 CS WORSHIP COORDINATOR Kelly Herman
 A/V..... Volunteers Needed
 NURSERY Felicity Moffett and Betsy Warner
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH Krista Ream and Liz Brown
 USHERS Debbie and Joe Consoli