



Vestal United Methodist Church

October 10, 2021

9:30 a.m.



Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Adapted from Isaiah 40:30-31 by Austin D. Hill

Leader: Even youth grow tired and weary,

People: And young men and women stumble and fall.

Leader: But those who hope in the Lord

People: Will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles!

Leader: They will run and not grow weary!

People: They will walk and not be faint.

All: Almighty God, we place our trust in you today. Fill us with your power and hope as we worship you so that we might be enabled to do your work.

* Opening Hymn 707 UMH

Hymn of Promise

* Sharing Signs of Peace

Gathering Prayer

Unfailing God, we acknowledge that our hope is not in our circumstances. Our hope is not even in the hoped-for answers to our prayers. But our hope is in you, in your Word, and in our community of faith. These will sustain us, guide us, and give us wisdom in the midst of all that is happening around us. May our prayers echo that of the Psalmist's: "You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word." Amen.

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

Now Is The Cool of the Day
VUMC House Band

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 65:4-6

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.

Children's Message

* Hymn 368 UMH

My Hope is Built

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 7:24-27

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell - and great was its fall!"

Message

Together We Can Be Hopeful

Mike Willis

**Living the Faith
Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer**

Offering Ourselves to God

What Wondrous Love Is This
VUMC House Band

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* **Hymn 2162 FWS**
* **Benediction**

Grace Alone

* **Congregational Response 572 UMH** *Pass It On* [verses 1-3]

Opening Hymn 707: Hymn of Promise

WORDS & MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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1. In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Closing Hymn 2162: Grace Alone

WORDS & MUSIC: Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson

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1. Every promise we can make,
every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make
is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb,
every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind
is only by his grace.

Refrain:

Grace alone which God supplies,
strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
we will go forth in grace alone.

2. Every soul we long to reach,
every heart we hope to teach,
everywhere we share his peace
is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say,
every tear we wipe away,
every sorrow turned to praise
is only by his grace. (Refrain)

Response 572: Pass It On, vss. 1 & 3

WORDS & MUSIC: Kurt Kaiser, 1969

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1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;
you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

3. I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found;
you can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop; I want my world to know;
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Hymn 368: My Hope Is Built

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834

MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne! (Refrain)