

## June 20, 2021 Hymn Sheet & Reflection

### Musical Selections:

“Pavane de la belle au Bois Dormant” – by Maurice Ravel

“Preludium and Fugue in F” – by J.S. Bach

“Slavonic Dance in G Minor” – by Antonin Dvorak

### Hymn

#### “Faith of our Fathers”

Faith of our, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;

Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy, whene’er we hear that glorious word!

*Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.*

Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife,

And preach thee, too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life! *[Refrain]*

### Congregational Sung Response after Lord’s Prayer

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Amen*

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### Reflection by Rev. Cory Kemp

Have you ever awakened in the middle of the night, unable to go back to sleep, because you are so worried or upset about something going on in your life?

It happens. When it happens to you, life can seem endless and lonely. Feeling mentally, emotionally or spiritually overwhelmed can take over your whole life. While everyone else’s life appears to be humming along quite nicely as always, your own is falling apart at the seams and you feel powerless to stop it.

Moving from where you are to where you want to be, whatever that looks like for you, may seem hopeless.

And then, something changes, and you can see your way through to taking the next step, and the one after it, and then another. You can breathe a little easier, maybe even feel a little hopeful, and you can begin to see the place where you want to be as nearer than you thought. Soon, you are on the other side of your worry, able to look back, and move forward. And you can sleep through the night again.

What got you through all of that? Life is filled with moving through experiences that worry us so deeply they can steal the very rest and peace of mind required to face them when we are awake.

The people on that storm-tossed boat with Jesus asked him a fair question as they shook him awake:

“Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” Jesus did care. But before he addressed their question, he solved the problem, rebuking the wind and calming the waves. We forget about that calm after the storm sometimes, don’t we? It is here that Jesus didn’t get cranky for having been awakened from a sound sleep. He asked them why they were afraid. Did they still have no faith?

I believe Jesus asked those questions kindly, much more so than we ask them of ourselves, especially in those weary, sleepless nights of worry and despair. God has seen us through so much, and sometimes we do struggle, doubt, worry, even to the point of keeping ourselves up at night.

As servants of God, we have endured. It is important to remember as we work together with God that we not take the sustaining grace of God for granted. It is to be relied on, always. For he says, “At an acceptable time, I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation, I have helped you.”

That is everything.