

# SOUL KEEPING

“What the Soul Needs”

**Sunday, September 23, 2018**

O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.  
So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips  
when I think of you on my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;  
for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

**Greeters:**

Joyce Good  
Sandy & John Wolfe  
Ann & Tom Hinkle  
Kara Rose & Brett Sheaffer

**Ushers:**

Fred Engle & Sue Savage  
Jim & Joy Bounds  
Don & Kay Houghton  
Glenda Burross

**The Chancel Flowers are Presented by:**

Jane Hartin, in memory of her mother, Ann Wardlow  
Elizabeth Hess, in memory of her father, James P. Reese  
John & Nancy Holtzapple, in celebration of our grandson's 16th birthday (today)  
Chris Kaufmann in memory of his wife, Joan

**Gathering in God's Name**

Chimes & Welcome

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Prelude

*"Psalm 23"*

J. Rutter

Call to Worship (Psalm 103 opening verses, The Message)

Leader: O my soul, bless God.

**Everyone: From head to toe, I'll bless His holy name!**

Leader: O my soul, bless God,

**Everyone: Don't forget a single blessing!**

Leader: He forgives your sins- every one.

**Women: He heals your diseases- every one.**

Leader: He redeems you from hell- saves you life!

**Men: He crowns you with love and mercy- a paradise crown.**

Leader: He wraps you in goodness- beauty eternal.

**ALL: He renews your youth- you're always young in His presence.**

\* Hymn #460

*"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

**Proclaiming God's Word**

Prayer of Confession (Silent & Corporate)

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

**Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins  
and ask for Your endless mercy.**

**We have not loved You with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

**We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God.**

**In Your great compassion, O God,  
cleanse us from our sin,  
create in us a healthy soul,  
renew a right spirit within us,  
restore to us the joy of Your salvation  
and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.**

**All for the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison 572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*During the Gloria Patri, we invite the K-3rd graders to walk back to the **Prayground** where they can listen to the Scripture and the sermon. We invite the 4th/5th graders to walk back and pick up a Sermon activity sheet and take it back to their seats. If a preschooler would like to join us in the **Prayground**, we ask that a parent accompany them.*

\* Gloria Patri 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen**

Scripture

Psalm 63:1-8 (NRSV)

Message

**“What the Soul Needs”  
3rd in 6-part Series: Soul Keeping**

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Hymn of Response

*“As the Deer”*

As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; To You, alone, may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

### **Responding to God's Word**

Presentation of Offering

Elder Jerry Rothacker, Nominating Comm.

Offertory

*“I Lift Up Mine Eyes”*

A. Pote

*Please sign and pass the “**Friendship Pad**” during the Offering and pass it down the pew. At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

\* Doxology 592 (inclusive)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Presentation of New Members

Larry Ewing

Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Going in God's Name

Ministry Highlights & Greeting

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

\* Closing Hymn #339

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

\* Benediction and Congregational Response

Rev. Dr. Noé Juárez

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;**

**I can feel His mighty power and His grace.**

**I can hear the brush of angels' wings; I see glory in each face;**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Postlude

***MUSIC:** HIGHLAND CHANCEL CHOIR, SETH WICKENHEISER, ORGAN SCHOLAR  
DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST*

**A/V:** JONATHAN LEFEVER

\* PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

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## SERMON NOTES

"The main thing you will give to God is the person you become....

You, and nobody else, are responsible for the well-being of your soul" - Dallas Willard

At the heart of Jesus' teaching are these truths:

Make room in your life to care for your soul.

Protect it. Guard it. Keep it.

Only one person can keep the soul—and that one person is you.

The solution is quite simple, but also very hard to do:

Slow down.

Look up.

Lean in.

Listen to God.

Be responsible for faithfully keeping [y]our soul.

And it's an all-day, everyday deal.

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