

# SOUL KEEPING

“What is the Soul?”

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

*“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it,  
but whoever loses their life for me will find it.  
What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world,  
yet forfeit their soul?  
Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”*

**Matthew 16:25-26(NIV)**

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

**Greeters:**

Nancy Bare  
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Diane & George Photis

**Ushers:**

Jen Winter  
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Nancy Holtzapfle  
Linda Keener  
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**The Chancel Flowers are Presented by:**

Carolyn McGuigan, in memory of her sister, Connie Henricks  
David & Jackie Diffenderffer, in celebration of the blessings and joys of grandparenthood  
Barry & Naomi Bryson, in honor of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary  
Beth Terry, in memory of her husband David Terry

**Gathering in God's Name**

Chimes & Welcome

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Prelude

*"Menuet"*

M. Ravel

Call to Worship (Psalm 103 Opening Verses, The Message)

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

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 your life!

**Men: He crowns you with love and mercy—saves your life!**

Leader: He wraps you in goodness—beauty eternal.

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

\* Hymn #306

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

**Proclaiming God's Word**

Prayer of Confession (Silent & Corporate)

Rev. Dr. Noé Juárez

**Almighty God, creator of our soul, we come before You this morning,  
seeking Your Spirit to help us look deep within ourselves  
and let Your healing hand touch our sinful lives.**

**Only in Your grasp can we face our struggles -  
our frantic pursuit of busyness;**

**the ease with which we tolerate the troubles and inequities of our divided society;**

**the acceptance of bottom-line thinking as the final word;**

**the fear of differences that keeps us from receiving gifts of others;**

**our reluctance to follow You in every aspect of our lives.**

**Holy God, give us the courage and strength to take up our cross  
and let us experience Your transforming love  
that turned a sorrowful Friday into an Easter hope. 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

Matthew 16:25-26(NIV)

Message

**“What is the Soul?”  
1st in 6-part Series: Soul Keeping**

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Hymn of Response

*“It is Well with My Soul”*

Verse 1

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot thou hast taught me  
To say it is well it is well  
With my soul

Chorus

It is well with my soul  
It is well  
It is well with my soul  
Whatever my lot  
Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well it is well  
With my soul

Verse 2

My sin O the bliss of this  
Glorious thought  
My sin not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross  
And I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
O my soul O my soul

Chorus

Verse 3

And the Lord haste the day  
When the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound  
And the Lord shall descend  
Even so it is well with my soul

Chorus

Ending

It is well it is well  
With my soul  
It is well it is well  
With my soul my soul my soul

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## Responding to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Noé Juárez

**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.**

Presentation of Offering

Offertory

"Grace"

Mark Hayes

*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.**

## Going in God's Name

Ministry Highlights & Greeting

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Minute For Mission

John Herr & Lisa Murray

\* Closing Hymn #420

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

\* Benediction and Congregational Response

**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

"Toccata"

Douglas Wagner

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

**A/V:** JONATHAN LEFEVER

\* PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

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