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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 20, 2025; 8:15 A.M.

Lord of hope and life,
when we blame you for not being
there in our need, forgive us.
When we turn away from you in moments of loss,
guide us back to your faithful arms.
For we long to put our faith in your promised healing.
We yearn to truly believe
that you are the resurrection and the life.
Teach us once more, Merciful One,
that you weep when we weep,
and rejoice as we find our way home. Amen.

Gathering	<i>“It Is Well”</i> <i>“Prayer for Comfort”</i> By J.B. Taylor	David Fitzgerald
Welcome & Invitation to Worship		Gina Brock
Reflection	<i>“Prayer of Lament”</i>	Media Clip
Call to Worship	<i>Based on Psalm 130</i>	Dane Martin
Hymn	<i>“How Firm A Foundation”</i>	All Worshipers
Offertory Prayer		Steve Cline
Offertory	<i>“Give Me Jesus”</i> Arranged by J.B. Taylor	David Fitzgerald
Reading	<i>“For When This Pain Doesn’t Make Sense”</i> By Kate Bowler	Nora Crouch
Song of Faith	<i>“I Am Not Alone”</i> Arranged by Heather Sorenson	Kimi Crouch
Scripture	<i>John 11:17-44</i>	Tyler Tankersley
Sermon	<i>“Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?”</i>	Nora Crouch
Practicing the Presence of God		Nora Crouch
<i>Visio Divina – “Lord If You Had Been Here”</i>		
Hymn	<i>“It Is Well with My Soul”</i>	All Worshipers
Life of the Church		Gina Brock
Benediction		Nora Crouch

JULY 20, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

TOUGH QUESTIONS

Q: Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?

John 11:17-44

ARDMORE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION,
YE SAINTS OF THE LORD
IS LAID FOR YOUR FAITH
IN HIS EXCELLENT WORD

Chiming of the TrinityMatthew Cates

Lighting of the Christ CandleCharlotte Tankersley

Prelude“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”Daniel Snipes
Arranged by Cathy DeRousse

Welcome & Invitation to WorshipGina Brock

Call to Worship“Halle, Halle, Intergenerational Choir
Halleluja”& VBS Participants

(All worshipers should join in singing the chorus each time.)

Chorus: Hal-le-Hal-le-Halle-lu-jah.
Verse 1: God is always with you where you go.
Chorus: Hal-le-Hal-le-Halle-lu-jah.
Verse 2: Do not be discouraged or afraid.
Chorus - Hal-le-Hal-le-Halle-lu-jah.
Verse 3: Be strong and courageous says your God.
Chorus - Hal-le-Hal-le-Halle-lu-jah.



FEAR NOT, I AM WITH THEE,
O BE NOT DISMAYED
FOR I AM THY GOD,
AND WILL STILL GIVE THEE AID

Reading“For When This Pain
Doesn’t Make Sense”Nora Crouch
By Kate Bowler

Hymn 544“When Sorrow Floods
The Troubled Heart”All Worshipers

When sorrow floods the troubled heart
And clouds the mind with fears,
Affliction presses from the soul
The bitter flow of tears.
God’s weeping children raise the prayer:
“Almighty God, how long
Till tears shall cease and silence break
And grief be turned to song?”

The voice is stilled, no words express
The pain that lingers on;
Our prayer becomes a silent sigh;
All mortal speech is gone.
The Holy Spirit groans in us
With intercession strong;
When tears have ceased and silence breaks,
The Spirit stirs a song.

The sting of death cannot forbid
The child of God to sing.
The scars we bear may long remain,
But resurrection brings
The healing of the broken heart,
The righting of the wrong.
Our tears shall cease, our silence breaks
In Christ, the living Song.

Offertory PrayerSteve Cline

Offertory“Erhalt uns, Herr bei
deinem Wort” BWV 1103Matthew Cates
By J.S. Bach

I’LL STRENGTHEN THEE, HELP THEE,
AND CAUSE THEE TO STAND,
UPHELD BY MY RIGHTEOUS
OMNIPOTENT HAND

ScriptureJohn 11:17-44Tyler Tankersley

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Solo“I Am Not Alone”Kimi Crouch
Arranged by Heather Sorenson

Sermon“Why Do Bad Things
Happen to Good People?”Nora Crouch

WHEN THROUGH FIERY TRIALS
THY PATHWAY SHALL LIE,
MY GRACE, ALL SUFFICIENT,
SHALL BE THY SUPPLY

Visio Divina“Lord If You Had Been Here”Nora Crouch

Time of ResponseNora Crouch

Hymn 573“It Is Well with My Soul”All Worshipers

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.”
It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, 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!
It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, 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.
It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Life of the ChurchGina Brock

CommissioningBelgium TeamTyler Tankersley

BenedictionNora Crouch

Postlude“Ehre sei dir, Christe,
Der du leidest Not” BWV 1097Matthew Cates
By J.S. Bach