



# SWEDENBORGIAN CHURCH

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

*October 17, 2021*

(Note: \* means "Stand as you are able")

### Prelude

*On Golden Pond*

BY DAVE GRUSIN

*Garrett Collins, guest musician*

### \*Greetings & Announcements

### Wise Words from John Gaul

**\*Hymn:** INSERT -  
"Be Thou My Vision" vs. 1, 2 & 5

### \*Opening of the Word

### \*Responsive Invocation:

Help, O Lord, for there is no longer anyone who is godly;  
the faithful have disappeared from humankind.

*They utter lies to each other;  
with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.*

"Because the poor are despoiled, because the needy groan,  
I will now rise up," says the Lord; "I will place them in the  
safety for which they long."

*The promises of the Lord are promises that are pure,  
silver refined in a furnace on the ground,  
purified seven times.*

You, O Lord, will protect us;  
you will guard us from this generation forever.

*On every side the wicked prowl,  
as vileness is exalted among humankind.*

### \*Invitation to Prayer:

O come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

*(Please be seated)*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.*

O Lord, our heavenly Creator, whose great love holds a  
forgiveness for all who desire and seek it: we thank thee  
for thy gracious assurance that thou art always near and  
ready to forgive. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins;  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness and truth,  
and bring us into everlasting life;  
for thy mercy's sake. Amen.

### 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 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.*

O Lord, open thou our lips:  
*And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.*

*(All stand)*

*\*Praise ye the Lord!*

*The Lord's name be praised!*

### \*The Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy; Lord God of hosts:  
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory. Amen.*

**Scripture Readings:**  
*Exodus 7:14-25; John 6:25-40*

**Children's Message**

**Spiritual Message**  
*Water Turned to Blood*

*Rev. Junchol Lee*

**Silent Meditation**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**  
(Unison)

*The Great Spirit, the Christ, the Compassionate One, the Light of the World, is that which sustains and nurtures our spirit. He draws us closer to Heaven and to each other. His Divine Love and Wisdom flows into every living soul. He dwells among us and warms every human heart. We acknowledge our need to be fed by this Sacred Spirit, to share in the beauty of life, and to build a Holy City on Earth by giving of ourselves, yet knowing that all that is good and true flows into us from God. Amen.*

**Prayer of the People/Pastoral Prayer**

**Solo**  
*O Rest in the Lord*  
from Elijah  
BY FELIX MENDELSSOHN

*Heather Garland, Soloist*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn:** INSERT -  
*"Abide with Me" vs. 1 & 5*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Closing of the Word**

**\*Sung Response:** *Nunc Dimitiss*

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
According to thy word:  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared  
before the face of all people;  
A light to lighten the Gentiles,  
And the glory of thy people Israel. Amen.*

**Postlude**  
*Prelude in C*  
BY J.S. BACH



We invite you to sign our guest book and to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the parish house after the service. Please turn off your cell phone, and may we suggest that you take infants or toddlers to our childcare before the worship service begins, or if they become vocal or active during the service. Thank you.

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**  
*It Is Well With My Soul*  
TRADITIONAL / HORATIO G. SPAFFORD

**\*Doxology**  
*Praise God the Source of life and birth  
Praise God the Word who came to earth  
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame  
All glory, honor to God's name. Amen.*



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# READINGS

## **Exodus 7:14-25**

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Pharaoh’s heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water; stand by at the river bank to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that was turned into a snake. Say to him, “The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you to say, ‘Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the wilderness.’ But until now you have not listened. Thus says the Lord, ‘By this you shall know that I am the Lord.’ See, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall be turned to blood. The fish in the river shall die, the river itself shall stink, and the Egyptians shall be unable to drink water from the Nile.”’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘Say to Aaron, “Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over its rivers, its canals, and its ponds, and all its pools of water—so that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout the whole land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.”’

Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and of his officials he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the river, and all the water in the river was turned into blood, and the fish in the river died. The river stank so that the Egyptians could not drink its water, and there was blood throughout the whole land of Egypt. But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts; so Pharaoh’s heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said. Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart. And all the Egyptians had to dig along the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the river.

Seven days passed after the Lord had struck the Nile.

## **John 6:25-40**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him,

‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.’

## **From The Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg: Arcana Coelestia #7317**

For "blood" in the genuine sense denotes the truth proceeding from the Lord, thus the holy of faith; this is signified by "blood" in the Holy Supper; but in the opposite sense "blood" denotes violence done to Divine truth, and as this violence is done by means of falsifications, "blood" denotes the falsification of truth. From what is here said, and from what follows, it can be seen who are specifically represented by Pharaoh, that is, who are specifically meant by those who infest, namely, those within the church who have made a profession of faith, and have also persuaded themselves that faith saves, and yet have lived contrary to the precepts of faith; in a word, those who have been in persuasive faith and in a life of evil. [2] When these come into the other life they bring with them the principles that they are to be introduced into heaven because they have been born within the church, have been baptized, have had the Word and doctrine therefrom which they have professed, and especially because they have professed the Lord, and because He suffered for their sins, and thus saved those within the church who have from doctrine professed Him. When these persons come fresh from the world into the other life they do not desire to know anything about the life of faith and of charity, but make it of no account, saying that because they have had faith, all evils of life have been wiped off and washed away by the blood of the Lamb.

## Be Thou My Vision - Vs. 1, 2 & 5

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, be thou my true word;  
3 Be thou my buck - ler, my sword for the fight;  
4 Rich - es I heed not, nor earth's emp - ty praise;  
5 High King of heav - en, when vic - tory is won

naught be all else to me save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,  
Thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower;  
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.  
high King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## Abide With Me - Vs. 1 & 5

Musical notation for the first verse of "Abide With Me". The music is in G clef, 2/4 time, and F major. The lyrics are:

1 A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide; the dark - ness  
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day; earth's joys grow  
3 I need thy pre - sence ev - ery pass-ing hour. What but thy  
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no  
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos-ing eyes; shine through the

Musical notation for the second verse of "Abide With Me". The music is in G clef, 2/4 time, and F major. The lyrics are:

deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide. When oth - er help - ers  
dim; its glo - ries pass a - way; change and de - cay in  
grace can foil the temp-ter's power? Who, like thy - self, my  
weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness. Where is death's sting? Where,  
gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morn-ing breaks, and

Musical notation for the third verse of "Abide With Me". The music is in G clef, 2/4 time, and F major. The lyrics are:

fail and comforts flee, help of the help-less, O a - bide with me.  
all a - round I see; O thou who chan-gest not, a - bide with me.  
guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sun-shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
grave thy vic - to - ry? I tri-umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
earth's vain shad-ows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.



**Annual Members' Meeting**  
*Sunday, November 14th at 1:15 pm*

All who are interested are welcome to attend, though voting is restricted to church members. Your input is valuable in planning the future of our church and it's important that we reach quorum. This meeting will be in-person with a virtual Zoom option to join. Further details will be sent via email to church members.