Although the reasons and circumstances differ, we all experience suffering. However, we often go through seasons that are so overwhelming and painful that even the most faithful of believers can become hopeless. It is precisely during those moments that we must turn our eyes to Christ. For in Him, the Hope of the hopeless has come!

Ultimately, Jesus has already delivered us from the only storm that could ever truly destroy us, the wrath of God. In Romans 5:8-9, Paul tells us “God shows his love in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.” It is through His own suffering that we have redemption.

Additionally, since Jesus is the Great Sufferer, He also identifies with us in our own suffering. Jesus isn’t indifferent toward you. He promises to be with you in your suffering, drawing you closer to Himself. Psalm 34:18 says, “The Lord will redeem your life from the Pit, and those who go down to the Pit will you give back.”

Lastly, as those in Jesus Christ, He has also secured for us a future with Himself in eternity where everything sad will be made untrue and every present agony will give way to glory. Revelation 21:4 says, “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Brothers and sisters, the Hope of the hopeless has come! Let us worship Jesus together — the One who draws near to the sufferer, the One who redeems us through His own suffering, and the One who has promised to deliver us from suffering forever on the Day to come.
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!

†INVICTION (please raise hands)

**REST IN THE LORD**

**PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON**

†HYMN OF ASSURANCE: “Sometimes a Light Surprises” ............ FOREST GREEN

1. Sometimes a light surpasses the Christian while he sings;
2. In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
3. It can bring with it nothing but he will bear us through;
4. Though vine nor fig tree neither their wonted fruit shall bear,

it is the Lord, who rises with healing in his wings:
the theme of God’s salvation, and find it ever new;
who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people, too:
though all the field should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there;

when comforts are declining, he grants the soul a gain
set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
be not the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;
yet God the same abideth, his praise shall tune my voice,

a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.
“Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may.”
and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.
for, while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.
Presentaion of Tithes and Offerings .......................... T. Barton Kimbro

Offertory Anthem: “It Is Well with My Soul” ........................ John Ness Beck

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.

My sin – O the joy 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.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” it is well with my soul!

The Westminster Singers (8:15) · The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Christy Young, director

†Doxology ................................................................. OLD HUNDREDTH

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

†Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Hear the Word of the Lord

†Greetings

A Word to the Children (8:15) ................................. Will Nease

†Prayers of Intercession and 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.

Sermon ................................................................. H. B. Charles, Jr.

Prayer of Commitment

†Hymn of Commitment: No. 693 “Blessed Assurance” ........................ ASSURANCE

†Benediction (please raise hands)

†Congregational Three-Fold Amen

Organ Postlude: “Toccata” from Symphony No. 5 ............ Charles-Marie Widor

†Indicates congregation standing ................................. CCLI License #252778