

Sending

General Announcements

Blessing

Hymn 504

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"A Mighty Fortress"

W. Faulkes

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Pauline Finch, Lana Moses, Bev Roeder, Erika Sattler, Jim Sattler

Assisting Minister: Krista Ogonowski

Celebration Bells: Gwenanne Jorgenson, Anneke Klaver, Laura

Diaconal Minister of Music : Deacon Scott Knarr

McClellan, Linda McClellan, Christine Klaver-Schmidt, Chloe

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann

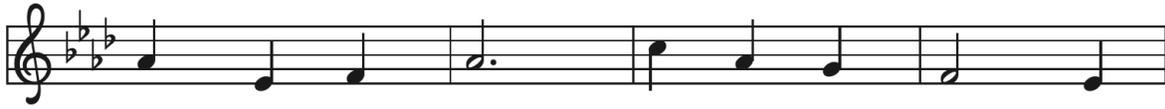
Schmidt, Sam Schmidt, Mary-Ellen Winkler

Vocal Ensemble: Julia Crnko,

Radio Operator: Gary Pootz

Building Monitor: Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

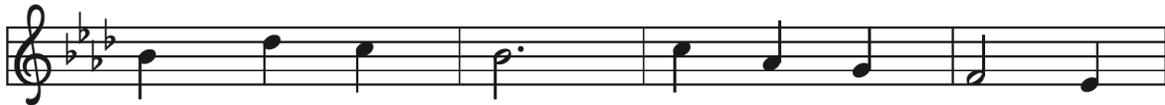
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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Worship Notes

Welcome to worship this morning, whether you are joining us in person or via the Golden Hour. In these pandemic times, worship will feel a lot different from normal, but it is still worship, and God is with us no matter what.

In our prayers Grace, Maureen, Ruth-Marie, Frank and Bernice.

Today's Guides are sponsored in loving memory of father, George Isler, deceased October 20, 1993, by daughters, Donna Girodat and Lynda Karn, and families.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Masks:** According to the Waterloo Region Bylaw, wearing a mask indoors is mandatory.
- **Children** are welcome to attend, but must stay with you/ your family in your seat at all times. Information about a potential Sunday school will be forthcoming.
- **Personal belongings:** All items must remain with you at all times
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates upon leaving.
- **The Peace** will be shared without physical contact
- **Guides to Worship:** Please place these in the recycling bins in the Narthex upon leaving, or take them home.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, all will remain in place until the end of the postlude. Then, following the ushers' guidance, those in the back pews will exit first, going directly out the only official exit: the Benton parking lot doors. Please do not stop to talk and mingle at any point inside, and maintain physical distancing even until you are in the parking lot. We encourage you to mingle outside while maintaining physical distancing.

- **Washrooms:** Available for emergency use only. Please only use the ones in the Sanctuary basement, follow all signage and maintain physical distancing.
- **Coffee Hour** is cancelled until further notice.
- **Mingling:** Please do not mingle while indoors and respect 2 metre physical distancing at all times. Please refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact with people outside your social bubble.
- **Pastors** will not be greeting at the door or mingling indoors, but will make an effort to come outside asap after the service. If you wish to talk to them, best to call or email at another time. An in-person meeting may be scheduled.
- **Water Coolers** are not to be used.
- **Access** to the rest of the building (e.g. Office, Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Sunday school rooms, Scout Hall) is not permitted
- **Property Cleaning and Sanitizing:** Will be increased throughout this time
- **Music** will be provided by a variety of groups, including soloists, a chamber choir and the handbell choir.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**



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Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

General Announcements

Dear members and friends of St. Matthews,

Our building is now open for worship again! Please read carefully through the informational letter sent out by email, mail and via the website and social media. If you have questions, please contact us. Please note that normal gatherings and meals at the church still remain cancelled and the office is still closed to the public and the building locked.

Our focus remains concentrated on meetings online and via phone. More updates will come as they are available.

All God's blessings! Pastors Sebastian and Carey

Volunteer needed! The Worship and the Arts Committee is looking for a volunteer to organize the Guide to Worship Sponsorships, a task that until now was done by the late Judy Howell. If you are interested, please contact Peter Winkler at pmewinkler@gmail.com.

Congregational singing: Due to loosening provincial and regional pandemic restrictions, and based on advice from the Synod Office's most recent COVID Recommendations, our Re-Opening Task Force has agreed to cautiously reintroduce congregational singing during Sunday worship starting November 7th. Starting that Sunday, we will have congregational singing during three hymns (while we continue to discourage singing for other hymns and liturgical music). We are excited about this milestone of pandemic re-opening, and we hope you will be too!

Reserved Parking: On Sunday mornings and other worship services, please only park in the 6 spots nearest the office entrance (including the "pastor" and "music director" spots), closest to the wall of the church if you are someone with mobility issues, or a parent with a stroller and young children. Our pastors and our music director come early enough to find a parking spot elsewhere. This is a transitional measure prior to installing permanent signage.

Outside Hymn-Sing! Since we are not able to sing together in the building, those of you who are willing, can join with the Pastor after worship in the parking lot and sing together our Sending Hymn (with 2m distance). The words are printed here:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.

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