

West Barre  
United Methodist Church



August 20, 2023

Sunday Worship  
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**Welcome and Greeting**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn        “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”        UMH #110**

**Bringing in the Light** (acolytes)

**\*Call To Worship**

Leader: I said, ‘You are my servant; I have chosen you and have not rejected you.

**People: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.**

Leader: I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand

**People: For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, “Do not fear I will help you.”**

**\*Unison Prayer**

**Precious Lord, let us gain strength and assurance from your Word today when it says: “I sought the Lord and He found me and delivered me from all my fears.”**

**O God, surround us in your perfect love today, that it may cast out every fear. We cast all our cares on you this day, that we may rest in Your peace. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

## **Faith Declaration:**

**This is my Bible. Every word in it is true. The truth shall set me free, and the truth will keep me free. I choose to be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only, and to faithfully respond to the call of Jesus Christ.**

**Scripture Lesson:** I Samuel 16:18- 23      Page 404  
I John 4:16-18      Page 1741

Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **Joys and Concerns**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**UMH #895**

**\*Hymn      "It is Well with My Soul"**

**UMH #377**

## **Choir Anthem**

## **The Apostles Creed**

**Morning Meditation**  
**Anxious"**

**"Do Not Be Afraid, Do Not be**

## **Receiving of the Morning Offering**

**Doxology**

**UMH #95**

**Prayer of Dedication**

## **Receiving of the Offering to Offset Disaffiliation Expenses**

**\*Hymn      "Be Still, My Soul"**

**UMH #534**

## **Sharing God's Light with the World (acolytes)**

## **Benediction:**

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing

his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### **\*Sending Forth**

Disperse in Mission

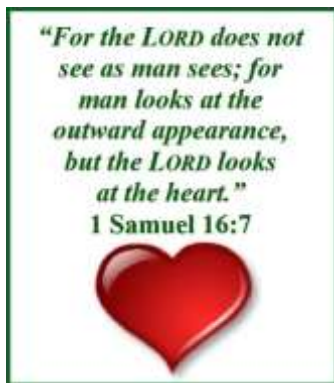
\*Note for visitors: **Bold text is spoken in unison**, \*congregation standing as able. Please sign our visitor log before you leave, we'd love to be in touch with you!

To access our website, type: [westbarreumc.org](http://westbarreumc.org)

We are also on Facebook, type: West Barre UMC

Pastor Jim is normally in the church office Tuesdays and Wednesdays, unless he is visiting, has a meeting, or has other appointments. He is available on his cell phone if he is not here in the office. (716) 523-7542.

***Go! And make disciples  
for the transformation of the world!***



## **Assisting in Worship**

	Today 8/20	Next Sunday 8/27
Preaching:	Rev. Dan Thurber	Rev. James Heiler
Greeters	Vicky Housenecht	Sharon & George
Ushers:	Vicky Housenecht	Sharon Miller
Liturgist:	Jim Peglow	Jim Peglow
Organist:	Naomi Caldwell	Naomi Caldwell
Choir Director:	Hugh Dudley	Hugh Dudley
Altar Flowers:	Kathy Huffman	Sharon Miller

## **Announcements:**

August 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	Church auction
August 25-26 <sup>th</sup> :	9am – 5 pm West Barre Store open

## **Looking ahead:**

Sunday (27 <sup>th</sup> ):	9 am Choir
August 29 <sup>th</sup> :	7 pm Women's Bible Study
September 6 <sup>th</sup> :	6:30 pm Ad-Council

## **August Monthly Mission:** Care a Van

Donations for the Church Auction and the West Barre Store are welcomed. Please contact Dick Miller (716-474-2330) or a Trustee member for storage of good, sale-worthy items.



**Financial Statement:**

August 13, 2023		\$ 2,806.00
Giving to Date:		\$59,095.00
Included:		
Care-A-Van	\$403.00	\$ 408.00
Shoebox (VBS)		\$ 700.00
School supplies (VBS)		\$ 465.00
Disaffiliation:		\$ 3,325.00

The Ad-Council elected to give the congregation an opportunity to give to the disaffiliation payment which is currently of \$61,969.00. The collection will be on September 10<sup>th</sup> or mark your donation disaffiliation payment anytime. Whatever is given, will offset the amount taken from investments accounts

**Birthday's this week:**

- 20 ~ Emma Mathes, David Davis
- 23 ~ Dan Preston
- 26 ~ Bert Mathes, Brooke Chandler



## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;  
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,  
 3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,  
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth;

our help-er he a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.  
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing.  
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
 the Spir-it and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sid-eth.

For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sa-ba-b  
 The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we  
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so; the bod-y

power are great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e-qual.  
 oth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.  
 can en-dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit-tle word shall fell him.  
 they may kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still; his king-dom is for-ev-er.

## It Is Well with My Soul

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way,  
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,  
 3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my  
 let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re -  
 My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the  
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re -

lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is  
 gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own  
 cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the  
 sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so, it is

*Refrain*

well with my soul.  
 blood for my soul. It is well with my soul,  
 Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul,  
 well with my soul.

it is well, it is well with my soul.



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I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;\*  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.

## Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take  
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

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Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;  
 to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

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leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;  
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

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in ev - ery change God faith - ful will re - main.  
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

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Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly friend  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

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through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.