Earle Street Baptist Church

10:30 am Worship **October 25, 2026**

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday

CHIMES

WELCOME Janice Hinnant

PRELUDE *A Quiet Alleluia* by Hugh Livingston, Jr.
Earle Street Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP Rosemary Bomar

Leader: During this hour, we want to be still and know that you are God.
All: So much of our existence is spent in scrambling and searching, that we forget what quietness and contemplation is.
Leader: Today, we ask for a steadying, a refocusing, a reshaping of our lives, so we can meet you at the deepest places of our hearts.
All: We know we cannot stay still, but out of this time of stillness, may we become steadier and surer of who you are and who we are.
Leader: May our breath move in and out as one with yours.
All: In the stillness, we rest, we worship, and we open ourselves to you. Amen.

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE #302 *Come Away from Rush and Hurry* PROMISE

(All children, grade 5 and under, may come forward on the final stanza.)

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace.

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens—life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead His kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for He will quench them—He alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Anna Kay Lord

(Following this, preschoolers, ages 3 – K5, may go to Sunday School, and children, grades 1 – 5 may go to Children's Church.)

*OFFERTORY HYMN #418 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;

His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that me be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear, for God has willed His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER — Joyce McCarrell

OFFERTORY — *How Beautiful* — arr. McDonald/Shackley

*RESPONSE #706 — *Doxology* — OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PSALM READING — Psalm 46 — Gary Strickland

1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. **2** Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, **3** though its waters roar
and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. **4** There is a river whose streams make
glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. **5** God is within her, she will not
fall; God will help her at break of day. **6** Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice,
the earth melts. **7** The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. **8** Come and see
what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. **9** He makes wars cease to the
ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. **10** He
says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in
the earth." **11** The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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

ANTHEM — *Be Still, My Soul* — arr. Molly Ijames
Sanctuary Choir

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide; in every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
Still my soul, still my soul.

Be still, my soul! Thy God will undertake to guide the future, as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below. Still my soul! Still my soul!

Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord,

When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored!
Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.
Be still, my soul, be still, my soul! Be still, my soul, be still.

MESSAGE **"And Know That I Am God"** Gary Strickland

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #384 *Speak to My Heart* HOLCOMB

Speak to my heart, Lord Jesus, speak that my soul may hear;
Speak to my heart, Lord Jesus, calm every doubt and fear.
Speak to my heart, oh, speak to my heart, speak to my heart, I pray;
Yielded and still, seeking Thy will, oh, speak to my heart today.

Speak to my heart, Lord Jesus, purge me from every sin;
Speak to my heart, Lord Jesus, help me the lost to win.
Speak to my heart, oh, speak to my heart, speak to my heart, I pray;
Yielded and still, seeking Thy will, oh, speak to my heart today.

Speak to my heart, Lord Jesus, it is no longer mine;
Speak to my heart, Lord Jesus, I would be wholly Thine.
Speak to my heart, oh, speak to my heart, speak to my heart, I pray;
Yielded and still, seeking Thy will, oh, speak to my heart today.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION Gary Strickland

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #705 GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

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.

*POSTLUDE *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* by Dietrich Buxtehude

*Congregation please stand, if able.

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For an explanation of the meaning of the colors and symbols used for worship in our sanctuary, please refer to the worship guide located on the front page of the hymnal.

We welcome Emma Devine back as our guest organist today.

Acolyte—Olivia Costanza
Deacon of the Week—Joyce McCarrell
Greeters—Margaret Kirby/Norma Green
Sound Technician—Mac Wilkinson
Video Technician—Derek Lord
Ushers—Mary Arrowood, Glenn Arrowood, Dru Hester, Denise Plumblee, Roger Massengale, Quay Farmer

Preschool/Children's Volunteers—Anna Kay Lord, Amy Moore, Jan Hubble, Marsha Burt, Erin Baggett, Jane Leo, Noellen Groff, Jeannie Flowe, Calder Standridge, Bill Burt, Vicki Merck