Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel

1 Tower Avenue in Historic Fort Snelling, Minnesota

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

15 October 2023 — 11:00 a.m.

Non-Denominational Christian Worship Service

hosted by

Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*
The Congregation, *Ministers of the Gospel*

Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Kenneth "Ken" L. Beale, Jr., *Senior Chaplain*
Rev. Philip "Buddy" A. Winn, Jr., *Associate Chaplain*
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Where the Veteran Is Remembered

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We are glad that you are here for worship today!
*The * indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able.*
*The ** indicates times for the ushers to seat latecomers.*
*The **bold print** indicates readings/choral responses of the congregation.*
If you have a cell phone, please turn off the ringer. Thank you.

Lighting of Altar Candles *Symbol of the Spirit's Presence*

Lighting of the POW/MIA Candle

Special Music

"Get Happy"	arr. A. Minihane
"Irish Blessing"	arr. D. Gray
"Swing Down Chariot"	arr. The Vagabonds
"God Bless America"	arr. R. Craig
"Yes Indeed"	arr. E. Moon
"Let Freedom Ring"	arr. L. Wright

Organ Prelude "Come Thou Fount" P. Manz

Consider using these sacred moments to meditate upon the scripture reading and prepare yourself to receive a blessing from God. Kindly be considerate of your neighbor's need for silence. We encourage your conversations to be held following worship. Please refrain from applause after the organ prelude.

Ringing of the Ship Bell

Call to Worship L = Leader **P = People**

L: Grief is a difficult pain to deal with because it cuts so deep into our hearts.
P: It is like a heavy burden with more weight than we can bear.
L: But it is not too heavy for our Lord, who is able to help us in our grief.
P: Thanks be to God who shares our grief, convincing us we can believe in His healing and recovery.

* ***Processional Hymn of Praise*** "Come, Ye Disconsolate" UMH # 510

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1. Come, ye disconsolate, where-e'er ye languish, come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel. Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.
2. Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure! Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure."
3. Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above. Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

* ***Invocation***

* ***Choral Response*** (sung by all)

"Habakkuk 2:20" music by Harrington
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The Lord is in His holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

** *Organ Interlude*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Grief is like a curse to the human race, O Lord, because it is so painful. Yet we know we cannot avoid it, and we also know strength can come from it. Forgive us when we succumb to its misery instead of turning to You for support. Draw us close to You, so that in our grief we may feel Your defense. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

* *Gloria Patri* (sung by all)

"Greatorex" words and music by *Gloria Patri*, 2nd cent. and Greatorex
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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.

* *Statement of Faith* The Apostles' Creed, *Ecumenical Version*

L: Christian, what do you believe?

P: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe 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, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.

** *Organ Interlude*

Children's Message (children gather on the steps of the chancel)

† Children Ages 5-10 are dismissed for Children's Church †

Special Music "Thank You Dear Lord for Music" arr. M.K. Coffman

Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 15:4-5; 18:5-9,14,33 (New International Version)

4 And Absalom would add, "If only I were appointed judge in the land! Then everyone
who has a complaint or case could come to me and I would see that they receive
justice." 5 Also, whenever anyone approached him to bow down before him, Absalom
would reach out his hand, take hold of him and kiss him.

18:5 The king [David] commanded Joab, Abishai and Ittai, "Be gentle with the young
man Absalom for my sake." And all the troops heard the king giving orders concerning
Absalom to each of the commanders. 6 David's army marched out of the city to fight
Israel, and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim. 7 There Israel's troops were
routed by David's men, and the casualties that day were great—twenty thousand men.
8 The battle spread out over the whole countryside, and the forest swallowed up more
men that day than the sword. 9 Now Absalom happened to meet David's men. He
was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak,
Absalom's hair got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair, while the mule
he was riding kept on going.

14 Joab said, "I'm not going to wait like this for you." So he took three javelins in his
hand and plunged them into Absalom's heart while Absalom was still alive in the oak
tree.

33 The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he
went, he said: "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died
instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Sermon **"Loving the Rebel (Part 2)"** Chaplain Winn

* ***Hymn of Response*** "Be Still, My Soul" # 382

"Finlandia" words and music by Schlegel and Sibelius
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1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: your God does undertake to guide the future as in ages past; Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3. 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. Amen.

Greeting and Sharing of Church Life

We share the community announcements and invite everyone to record their presence by signing and passing the red "Friendship Pad" with those in your pew. Cards are provided in the pew card holders for writing prayer requests and placing on the offering plate.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Dedication Prayer

Offertory Music "Amazing Grace" arr. C.E. Johnson

* Stewardship Response (sung by all)

"Old Hundredth" words and music by Ken and Bourgeois
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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.

Call to Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (text prayer requests to 612-747-1059)

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer of the People

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* ***Recessional Hymn of Dedication*** "God Will Take Care of You" UMH # 130

"Matin" words and music by Martin
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1. Be not dismayed what-e'er betided, God will take care of you; beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

(Refrain) God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way; He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you; when dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. (Refrain)
3. All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you; nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

4. No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you; lean, weary one, upon His breast, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

* ***Benediction***

* ***Extinguishing of the POW/MIA Candle***

* ***Choral Response*** (sung by all)

"America" words and music by Smith and *'Thesaurus Musicus'*
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Our fathers' God, to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King. Amen.

* ***Extinguishing of Altar Candles*** *Taking the Light Into the World*

Postlude "Rondeau" H. Purcell

† Children are dismissed from the classroom to return to guardians †

WORSHIP LEADER: Anne Heller

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Colette Winn

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Deanna Strauss and Amber Beale

WELCOME KIT DISTRIBUTOR: Marla McLeland

FELLOWSHIP GREETERS: Marilyn Nelson and Roberta Rivard

SPECIAL MUSIC: A sincere welcome to **Side by Side** on their return appearance at the Chapel. The Octet consists of Joy Johnson and Jamie LaMotte (leads), Judy Olson and MeLinda Green (basses), Lorraine Scherer and Gloria Gillette (baritones), Susan Krisnik and LeAnn Lake (tenors). These women enjoy sharing their love of harmony and sing in a variety of styles, including Barbershop, jazz, swing, and the blues. They hope that their music will lift your spirits and give praise to Jesus Christ. Many thanks for sharing your time and talents with us this Lord's Day!

+ + + *ANNOUNCEMENTS* + + +

CE Classes (Sundays 9:45-10:30 a.m.) **Topic: American Presidents** is held in the Fellowship Hall facilitated by Bob Cizek. Handouts are provided each week.

Please Join Us in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday following the worship service. A cup of coffee, tea, or punch awaits you, along with delicious treats prepared by our Kitchen Angels.

Tuesdays (12-noon-1:00 p.m.) Chaplain Ken is hosting a Bible Study in the Conference Room at the Chapel Foundation office. Bring your Bible.

If You Have a Prayer Request ... our *Prayer Chain* can be activated by calling our coordinator, Suzanne Berg (612-743-1780). Your prayer concerns will be held confidential and shared only among the prayer chain members and pastor.

Next Week (22 Oct) is the ***Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost—Membership Sunday.*** Chaplain Buddy Winn will proclaim a message entitled ***"The Visible Love of Christ"*** based on Ephesians 4:1-6. **North Star Boys' Choir** will provide the special music.

FREE Devotional Materials are available to you in the Fellowship Hall. The *Our Daily Bread* (Sep-Nov) devotional is available. Also LARGE PRINT copies of *Our Daily Bread* (Oct-Dec) are now available.

Upcoming Meetings ... in the Chapel Foundation Conference Room:
Tue 24 Oct (6:00 p.m.) — Worship Committee
Mon 30 Oct (6:00 p.m.) — Membership/Publicity Committee (this is a change of date)
Tue 31 Oct (6:00 p.m.) — Fellowship Committee
Thu 2 Nov (6:00 p.m.) — Safety Committee
Thu 9 Nov (6:00 p.m.) — Finance Committee
Sat 18 Nov (9:00 a.m.) — Board of Directors
All meetings are open to attend ... by FSMCF members (only)

2023 Veterans/Patriotic Events: Throughout the year, the Chapel community pays tribute on the Sundays near a number of national commemorations, including these events: **Veterans Day** (5 Nov); **Pearl Harbor Remembrance** (3 Dec). Mark your calendar with these dates.

This Week in U.S. Military History:
17 Oct 1777 — British surrender at Saratoga
19 Oct 1781 — British surrender at Yorktown
19 Oct 1864 — *Battle of Cedar Creek*
20 Oct 1950 — Korean War's first airborne operation

Sermon Notes

I. Absalom's Ambition & Fall—Absalom's desire for power and the ensuing tragedy of his rebellion, demonstrating the price of arrogance and self-service.

II. A Father's Unyielding Compassion—King David's unshaken love and compassion for Absalom amidst his son's rebellion, showcasing divine love's enduring nature.

III. Our Reflection in Absalom—We identify with Absalom's dual nature of rebelling and yearning for love; confronting this conflict is essential for true transformation.

IV. Overcoming Church Apathy—Addressing the church's tendency toward apathy and the imperative to embrace, love, and care for the rebels amongst us, reflecting God's unconditional love.

A Special Welcome to our Visitors . . .

We are delighted you have chosen to worship here today! May you experience a sincere welcome and a sense of God's love for you. We gather as a community of faith to share the *Good News* of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to return again ... and bring others with you. We hope that we may provide the sense of community and stimulation of character you have been searching for. We provide individual pastoral care by request. You may call the chaplain for an appointment. We are willing to provide additional services as needed. Simply call the Chapel Office (952-888-1525) or Chaplain Ken (612-747-1059). If you would like to talk about the sacrament of baptism for yourself or a member of your family, arrangements can be made by contacting the chaplain. For bookings of the Chapel, contact the Fort Snelling State Park directly at 612-279-3555. Worship services are not subsidized or endorsed by the MN DNR.

Upholding the Chapel with our Membership Vows of ...

Prayers

Juanita Rector; Mary Bangerter; Ron Casteel; Keegan Iversen; Arlene Amyotte; Char; Barb Steffenson; Trudy Miller; Leslie Hoppe; Karen Nelson; Nancy Tjornhom; Leslee; free SSgt Calvin Gibbs & Pfc Corey Clagett; Barb Bohlin; Vonnie Gunn; John Butler; MaryAnn Hoppe; JoAnn Harkins; Pat Schwietz; Bob Maginnis; Rob; Lydia; Tracy; grandson Tyler; Judy Horton; Carol Krohn; Laurie Wahl; Don Minor; Leslie Henschel; Paul Raleigh; Cathy Hennelly; Mel Henschel; Greg Maginnis; Kermit Bischoff; Sara; Patricia Adler; Kayla Rigney; Henry Langer; Sandy Sorensen; Sylvia; Ed Schmidt; Nina; CH Thomas Eddy; Mike Wallman; Curt Utpadel; Joan Eng; Gea Brown; Mick Burkard; Bill Hoppe; Deb Axtell; Barbara Patton; Rich Quiring; Tamara Henschel; Barbara Ongna; nation of Israel; Evangelist Paul Anderson; Maddie Seeman; Ray; peace in Ukraine

Presence

Sunday, 8 October 2023 witness at Chapel worship = **120** Livestream = **25**

Gifts

Sunday, 8 October 2023 Chapel offering plate = **$3,421.00**

Service

Thanks to **Deanna Strauss** for providing leadership to our Children's Church.

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