

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Nicodemus Series: The Devil Made Me Do It!
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PRELUDE

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on the Heidelberg Catechism¹, Q & A #1, Paragraph 1)

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

*All people: That I am not my own,
 but belong—
 body and soul,
 in life and in death—
 to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.*

ACT OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Yes! Our Savior, Jesus Christ, is indeed faithful, full of grace and truth, and it is to Him that we belong. Yet, in choosing to sin and do evil, we reject Christ and turn away. Let us confess our unfaithfulness and the limits of our trust.²

*All people: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*³

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Based on the Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A #1, Paragraphs 2 & 3)

Pastor: Beloved of God, what then is your only comfort in life and in death?

*That Christ has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
 and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
 He also watches over me in such a way
 that not a hair can fall from my head
 without the will of my Father in heaven:
 in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.*

*Because I belong to him,
 Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
 assures me of eternal life
 and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
 from now on to live for him.
 Amen!*

¹ First published in 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism summarizes the major teachings of Holy Scripture in one hundred and twenty-nine memorable questions and answers. It originated in one of the few pockets of Calvinistic faith in the Lutheran and Catholic territories of Germany. It was originally conceived as a teaching tool for young people and as a form of confessional unity for Protestants. The Synod of Dort approved the Heidelberg Catechism in 1619, and it soon became the most ecumenical of all the Reformed catechisms and confessions.

² Baylor, Lavon. (adapted) "Call to Confession, #832" The New Century Hymnal. Ohio: The Pilgrim Press, 1995.

³ "Prayer of Confession: B, *Service of Word I.*" The New Century Hymnal, Ohio: The Pilgrim Press, 1995. Pg. 21.

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

1. A might - y fort - ress 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 threaten 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 Through Him who with us sid - eth.

For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a - oth His
 The Prince of dark-ness grim, We trem-ble not for Him; His rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin-dred go, This mor-tal life al - so; The bod - y they may

great; And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
 dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er. A-MEN.

OLD TESTAMENT READING**Job 1:6-12****EPISTLE READING****Hebrews 2:11-18****GOSPEL READING****Luke 11:1-4****SERMON & PASTORAL PRAYER***The Devil Made Me Do It***Rev. Laura C. Bair****ANNOUNCEMENTS****OFFERING INVITATION**

Liturgist: Let us now offer with a prayer of Dedication, these works of our life and labor together, along with our tithes and financial offerings. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

All people: Bless these tithes and offering, O God, returned to you. Multiply and use them to bring the healing word and touch of Jesus to this place and throughout the world. We pray in the name of Jesus who also taught to pray, saying: 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.

HYMN*Onward, Christian Soldiers***Bulletin, Page 4****BENEDICTION ⁴**

Pastor: Now to the One who is able to keep you from falling,
 And to present you faultless
 Before the presence of God's glory with exceeding joy,
 To the only wise God, our Savior,
 Be glory and majesty, dominion and power,
 Both now and forever.


All people: Amen.

POSTLUDE

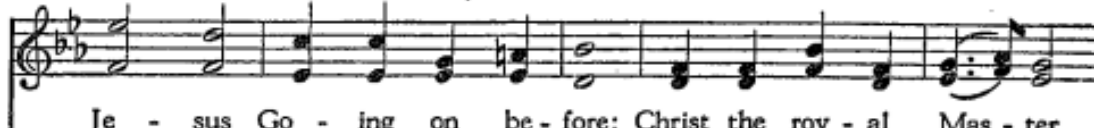
⁴ Resources: B, Reprinted from *Book of Worship: United Church of Christ*. 2006. Cleveland, Ohio.

Onward, Christian Soldiers

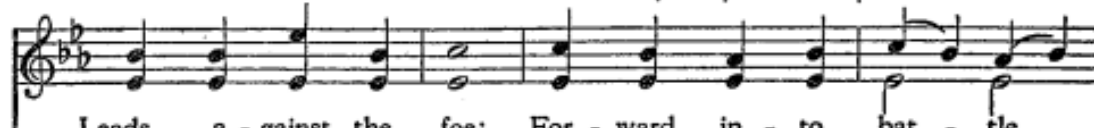
In march rhythm



1. On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war, With the cross of
 2. Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God; Broth - ers, we are
 3. Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane, But the Church of
 4. On - ward, then, ye peo - ple, Join our hap - py throng, Blend with ours your

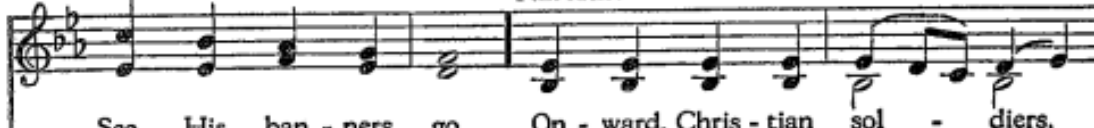


Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore: Christ the roy - al Mas - ter
 tread - ing Where the saints have trod; We are not di - vid - ed,
 Je - sus Con - stant will re - main; Gates of hell can nev - er
 voic - es In the tri - umph song; Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or




Leads a - gainst the foe; For - ward in - to bat - tle,
 All one bod - y we, One in hope and doc - trine,
 'Gainst that Church pre - vail; We have Christ's own prom - ise,
 Un - to Christ the King; This through count - less a - ges

REFRAIN



See, His ban - ners go. On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers,
 One in char - i - ty.
 And that can - not fail.
 Men and an - gels sing.



March - ing as to war, With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore. A - MEN.