



**Scripture Reading:  
Hebrews 11:1-16**

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

4 By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

5 By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.”[a] For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she[b] considered him faithful who had made the promise. 12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. 14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. 15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

**Altar Flower Sign Up Chart:** If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, please sign up on the chart in the Rose Hallway or let the church office know. Thank You.

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| July 31   |                           |
| August 7  | Darrell & Diane Valentine |
| August 14 | Sarah Shupert             |
| August 21 |                           |
| August 28 |                           |

**Usher & Reader Schedule:** If you are able to help as an usher/greeter or scripture reader, please contact the church office. Thank You.

| Date      | Ushers/Greeters           | Scripture Readers |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| July 31   | Alex & Emily Lee          | Drew Kaehr        |
| August 7  | Darrell & Diane Valentine | Sarah Shupert     |
| August 14 | Roger & Nancy Thompson    | Al Plew           |
| August 21 | Jon & Lou Anne Stevens    | Linda Drake       |
| August 28 |                           | Nancy Thompson    |

## **Song: "Even If"**

They say sometimes you win some  
Sometimes you lose some  
And right now, right now I'm losing bad  
I've stood on this stage night after night  
Reminding the broken it'll be alright  
But right now, oh right now I just can't

It's easy to sing  
When there's nothing to bring me down  
But what will I say  
When I'm held to the flame  
Like I am right now

I know You're able and I know You can  
Save through the fire with Your mighty hand  
But even if You don't  
My hope is You alone

They say it only takes a little faith  
To move a mountain  
Well good thing  
A little faith is all I have, right now  
But God, when You choose  
To leave mountains unmovable  
Oh give me the strength to be able to sing  
It is well with my soul

I know You're able and I know You can  
Save through the fire with Your mighty hand  
But even if You don't  
My hope is You alone

I know the sorrow, and I know the hurt  
Would all go away if You'd just say the word  
But even if You don't  
My hope is You alone

You've been faithful, You've been good  
All of my days  
Jesus, I will cling to You  
Come what may  
'Cause I know You're able  
I know You can

I know You're able and I know You can  
Save through the fire with Your mighty hand  
But even if You don't  
My hope is You alone

I know the sorrow, I know the hurt  
Would all go away if You'd just say the word  
But even if You don't  
My hope is You alone

It is well with my soul  
It is well, it is well with my soul

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