

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Worship Service

Prepared by
Southeastern Minnesota Synod ELCA



Prelude: *Dona Nobis Pacem*

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Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your son came among us to serve and not to be served, and to give his life for the world. Lead us by his love to serve those to whom the world offers no comfort and little help. Through us give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, peace to the troubled, and rest to the weary, through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Music: *We Are Called*

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Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

REFRAIN

We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more. *REFRAIN*

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. *REFRAIN*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Psalm 139:7-18, 23-24

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them — they are more than the sand;
I come to the end — I am still with you.
Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

1 Corinthians 12:27-31a

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts.

Children's Message

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Sermon: *Rev. Matt Larson, Synod Assistant to the Bishop*

Music: *Blessed Beyond Measure*

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Blessed beyond measure
are those who dwell in the house of the Lord.
My soul is longing and all my heart sings for the love of the Lord.
Even the sparrow has found a home.
Here by the altar she feeds her young.
Oh, blessed beyond measure
are those who dwell in the Lord.

Blessed beyond measure
are those whose hearts walk the highways of God.
Valleys of weeping become pools of joy springing up in their souls.
Each step is strength and each prayer resounds.
From glory to glory they journey on.
Blessed beyond measure
are those who dwell in the Lord.

Blessed beyond measure
are those whose lives are lived in the Lord.
God's grace and glory are all that I need; I could want nothing more.
Better one moment with you, my Lord,
than years at a distance from God's good love.
Blessed beyond measure
are those who dwell in the Lord.

Offering

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Music: *How Can I Keep from Singing?*

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My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

REFRAIN

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

REFRAIN

What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.

REFRAIN

Blessing

Dismissal Go in peace.
 Share the good news.
 Thanks be to God!

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FUTURE WORSHIP



WED, SEPT 30 - 6 pm -- Outdoor Worship with Communion -- NE corner of the church under the pine trees. Bring your own lawn chair & mask. *Cancelled in the event of Rain.*