

Rally Day/Outdoor Worship

September 13, 2020
10:00am Drive-In Worship

Gathering in Grace

Gathering Music – Heaven Is Singing for Joy (Hymn 664; Pablo Sosa)
Praise and Worship Team

Welcome/Living Our Faith – Pastor Ed Treat

Time for Children – Interim Youth and Family Minister Pete Erickson

Hymns – Come All You People/Praise to the Lord the Almighty
Praise and Worship Team with Quartet and Karen Daniels, pianist

Each stanza of the hymn is preceded by a verse of the Tanzanian Song, “Come, All You People.” The congregation enters each time with the words in bold type.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
Come now and worship the Lord.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear; Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
Come now and worship the Lord.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
Come now and worship the Lord.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.

Greeting – Intern Pastor Grace Pardun Alworth

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray:

C: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Growing in Faith

Speaking the Psalms – Psalm 103

(P&W Singers will do responses)

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶**O Lord, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸**Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

¹²**As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Singing the Psalms – Bless the Lord, My Soul (Psalm 103; Taizé)

refrain – all

The image shows a musical score for the refrain of the hymn 'Bless the Lord, My Soul'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.' and 'Bless the Lord my soul who leads me in - to life.'

verses – Chancel Choir soloists

It is God who forgives all your guilt,
Who heals every one of your ills,
Who redeems your life from the grave,
Who crowns you with love and compassion. **refrain**

The Lord is compassion and love,
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.
God does not treat us according to our sins
Nor repay us according to our faults. **refrain**

As a father has compassion on his children,
The Lord has pity on those who fear him;
For he knows of what we are made,
He remembers that we are dust. **refrain**

Announcement of Gospel

L: The Gospel of Matthew, the 18th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel – Matthew 18:21-35

¹That ²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions,

and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message – Pastor Arthur Murray

Hymn 482 – I Come with Joy ... Forgiven, Loved, and Free

songleader

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

all

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**

higher voices

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.**

lower voices

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.**

all

**Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

Apostles' Creed

L: Please rise in body or spirit as we profess our faith together using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived
by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

L: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

after each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: All these things and whatever else you see that we need,
we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Giving with Joy – Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (Hymn 605)

Chancel Choir Quartet

Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Setting the Table of Grace

please rise in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession

L: Faithful God,

C: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world. **C: Amen.**

Jesus' Words at the Table

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 and ever. Amen.

Receiving of Communion

Song 639 – When We Are Living

Led by John Rosenow and the Praise and Worship Team

Leader

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
And when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living, and in our dying,
We belong to God, we belong to God.

Higher Voices

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.

Good works of service are for offering.

When we are giving, or when receiving,

All

We belong to God, we belong to God.

Lower Voices

'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,

When sensing beauty or in love's embrace,

Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,

All

We belong to God, we belong to God.

All

Across this wide world, we shall always find

Those who are crying with no peace of mind,

But when we help them, or when we feed them,

We belong to God, we belong to God.

Leader

We belong to God, we belong to God.

Blessing

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you now,
and keep you forever in God's grace. **C: Amen.**

Prayer

L: We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard

to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Going Forth to Serve

Dismissal Instructions and

Invitation to the Ice Cream Socially-Distanced Event on the North Lawn

please rise in body or spirit

Benediction

Sending Song – We Go Out from this Place (Bonnie Drewes)

**We go out from this place
And we scatter like seeds,
Scatter like seeds in the wind,
And your love sets us gently down.**

**We are called to bring light
To a world of confusion.
Help us remember this meal and this day
As we go out from this place.**

**We are called to make justice,
We are called to bring peace,
To reach out to those around us,
To pray and listen and teach.**

**As we go out from this place
And we scatter like seeds,
Help us remember this meal and this day
As we carry your word to the world.
Help us remember this meal and this day
As we carry your word to the world.**

Sending Forth

L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Music – I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me
Praise and Worship Team