

Worship Leader Edition
Stewardship of God's Love

April 18, 2021

10:00 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Stephanie*)

COUNCIL INTRODUCTION – Barb Roberts, Stewardship

LITANY FOR NEIGHBORS (*Stephanie*)

L: Christ, you taught us the keys to life,

C: the great commandments:

L: Love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength:

C: love our neighbors as ourselves.

L: We are asked to love Love

C: and to serve Love.

L: Teach us what this means, oh God,

C: and help us to do it well.

L: So fill us with love, oh God,

C: and awakened by Love.

L: Let our eyes never veer from Love,

C: our hearts never stray from Love,

L: our minds be fixed on Love,

C: our bodies dedicated to Love's service.

L: And as we do the work of learning to accept and love ourselves,

C: let us also accept and love our neighbors.

L: For these are our neighbor and our family:

C: the poor, the lonely, the sick, the prisoner, the flawed and downtrodden

L: Love is who and whose we are.

C: And love is what we do. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"My Savior Lives"

Jon Egan, Glenn Packiam/D. Galbraith

Verse 1

Our God will reign forever
And all the world will know His name
Ev'ryone together
Sing the song of the redeemed

Chorus 1

I know that my Redeemer lives
And now I stand on what He did
My Savior my Savior lives

Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say
Jesus You are the only way
My Savior my Savior lives

Verse 2

The King has come from Heaven
And darkness trembles at His name
Victory forever
Is the song of the redeemed

Chorus 1

Bridge (three times)

My Savior lives
My Savior lives
My Savior lives

Chorus 1 (two times)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Assistant*)

L: O God, you created us in your image. Turn selfishness and fear into compassion and joy, so we too are love. Free us and inspire us to love all persons, those whom we would deem unlovable, and those whom we find it easy to love. Help us love ourselves in gratitude for the gifts you have given us; may the Spirit move us to use these gifts in to share your love with others and all creation, in Jesus name. Amen.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING (*Jon Sasseville*)

Malachi 3:7-12

Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, 'How are we robbing you?' In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the LORD of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-34

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

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

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbor as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

SONG OF THE DAY

"All the People Said Amen"

Moak, Morgan, Maher/D. Galbraith

Verse 1

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only

We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Chorus 1

And all the people said Amen whoa
And all the people said Amen

Give thanks to the Lord
for His love never ends
And all the people said Amen

Verse 2

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong
you know love is what we're after

We're all broken
but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all

Chorus 1

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit
who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted
and the pure in heart

Blessed are the people hungry
for another start
For theirs is the kingdom
the kingdom of God

Chorus 1 (two times)

Ending

And all the people said Amen

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Assistant*)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Assistant*)

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

L: Risen Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Assistant*)

C: 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.

SENDING

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Stephanie*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you!

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

BENEDICTION (*Stephanie*)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Because He Lives (Amen)"

Matt Maher/Joel Mott

Verse 1

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Chorus 1

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive
because He lives

Amen amen
Let my song join the one
that never ends
Because He lives

Verse 2

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Chorus 2

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive
because He lives

Amen amen
Let my song join the one
that never ends

Bridge

Because He lives
I can face tomorrow
Because He lives
ev'ry fear is gone

I know He holds my life
My future in His hands

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Chorus 2

Chorus 1

Ending

Because He lives