

Worship Leader Edition  
Stewardship of God's Love

May 9, 2021

10:00 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Rob*)

COUNCIL INTRODUCTION – Leah DeSchepper, Secretary

LITANY FOR NEIGHBORS (*Rob*)

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

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

*Brian Doerkson/Mark Cole*

**Chorus**

Come now is the time  
to worship

Come now is the time  
to give your heart

Come just as you are  
to worship

Come just as you are  
before your God

Come

**Verse**

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest  
treasure remains  
For those who gladly  
choose You now

**Chorus**

**Verse**

**Chorus**

**Verse**

**Ending**

Come Come Come

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Assistant)*

L: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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WORD

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FIRST READING *(Eric Murphy)*

Micah 6:6-8

‘With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:37-40

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

SONG OF THE DAY

“God is On the Move” C. Williams, I. Eskelin, M. Howard & T. Wood

**Verse 1**

Anytime a heart turns from  
darkness to light  
Anytime temptation comes  
and someone stands to fight

Anytime somebody lives to  
serve and not be served  
I know I know I know I know

**Chorus**

God is on the move on the move  
Hallelujah  
God is on the move  
in many mighty ways

God is on the move on the move  
Hallelujah  
God is on the move  
on the move today

**Verse 2**

Anytime in weakness someone  
falls upon their knees  
Or dares to speak the truth  
that sets us free

Anytime the choice is made to  
stand upon the Word  
I know I know I know I know

**Chorus**

**Bridge**

I see a generation  
standing on the truth  
In each and ev'ry nation  
God is on the move

**Verse 3**

Anytime the Gospel stirs a  
searching soul  
And someone says  
Send me here I go

I know I know I know I know

**Chorus**

**Bridge**

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,**

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SENDING

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SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Rob*)

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 (*Rob*)

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

"Trading My Sorrows"

*Darrell Evans/Mark Cole*

**Chorus**

I'm trading my sorrows  
I'm trading my shame  
I'm laying them down  
For the joy of the Lord

I'm laying them down  
For the joy of the Lord

**Vamp (two times)**

Yes Lord yes Lord  
yes yes Lord  
Yes Lord yes Lord  
yes yes Lord

I'm trading my sickness  
I'm trading my pain

Yes Lord yes Lord  
yes yes Lord  
Amen

**Verse 1**

I am pressed but not crushed  
Persecuted not abandoned  
Struck down but not destroyed

I am blessed beyond the curse  
For His promise will endure

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

That His joy's gonna be my strength

Though the sorrow  
may last for the night  
His joy comes with the morning

**Chorus**

**Vamp (two times)**