

Worship Leader Edition
Stewardship of God's Love

May 9, 2021

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Rob*)

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 HYMN

"All Are Welcome"
Verses 1, 2 & 5

ELW #641

Verse 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome,
All are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Verse 2

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,

Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Refrain

Verse 5

Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured,
Taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain

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.**

WORD

FIRST READING (*Pam Lienke*)

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.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

ELW #820

Verse 1

O Savior, precious Savior,
Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor,
All other names above;
We worship thee; we bless thee;
To thee alone we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee,
Our holy Lord and King.

Verse 2

O bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought:
We worship thee; we bless thee;
To thee alone we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee,
Our gracious Lord and King.

Verse 3

In thee all fullness dwelleth,
All grace and pow’r divine;
The glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is thine.
We worship thee; we bless thee;
To thee alone we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee,
Our glorious Lord and King.

Verse 4

Oh, grant the consummation
Of this our song above,
In endless adoration
And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless thee
Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess thee,
Our Savior and our King!

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 (*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.

COUNCIL INTRODUCTION – Leah DeSchepper, Secretary

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 HYMN

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

ELW #575

Verse 1

In Christ called to baptize,
We witness to grace
And gather a people
From each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters,
We share in Christ's death,
Then, rising to new life,
Give thanks with each breath.

Verse 2

In Christ called to banquet,
One table we share,
A haven of welcome,
A circle of care.
Although we are many,
We share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving
Proclaims Christ, our head.

Verse 3

In Christ called to witness,
By grace we will preach
The life-giving gospel;
God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living
Give proof to our praise
In costly compassion
Reflecting Christ's ways.

Verse 4

Unite us, anoint us,
O Spirit of love,
For you are within us,
Around us, above.
Equip us for service
With gifts you bestow,
In Christ is our calling,
In Christ may we grow.

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE