

Worship Leader Edition
Blessing of the Backpacks and Animals

August 29, 2021

10:00 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Rob)

+LITANY – BLESSINGS (Rob)

L: For the marvels of your creation,

C: we praise you, O God.

L: For the opportunity to explore and study,

C: we praise you, O God.

L: For those who guide us, teachers and mentors,

C: we praise you, O God.

L: Teach us your ways and guide us in your path, for you are the creator of all that is, seen and unseen.

C: Amen.

+GATHERING SONG

“All Things Are Possible”

Darlene Zschech/Mark Cole

Verse 1

Almighty God my Redeemer
My hiding place my safe refuge
No other name like Jesus
No pow’r can stand against You

Verse 2

My feet are planted on this rock
And I will not be shaken
My hope it comes from You alone
My Lord and my salvation

Chorus

Your praise is always on my lips
Your word is living in my heart
And I will praise You
with a new song
My soul will bless You Lord

You fill my life with greater joy
Yes I delight myself in You
And I will praise You
with a new song
My soul will bless You Lord

Verse 2

Chorus

Bridge

When I am weak
You make me strong
When I'm poor I know I'm rich
For in the power of Your name

All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible

Chorus

Bridge

Ending

All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (Katie Baltgalvis)

L: Source and sustainer of life, we cherish the myriad works of your hands. Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame. We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us, befriend, enrich, entertain, and protect us. May we, who are made in your image, care for them well. And may your groaning yet wondrous creation rally and thrive, revealing to all who come after us your wise, redemptive, transfiguring love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

WORD

FIRST READING *{Lectern}* (Eric Murphy)

Job 12:7-10

‘But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL *{Pulpit}*

Matthew 6:25-27

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE *{Pulpit & Lectern}*

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+SONG OF THE DAY

“We Remember, We Believe”

Steve Angrisano and Sarah Hart/
David Brinker

Chorus

We remember we believe
In this bread of life
In this cup poured out

And together now receive
The truth of Christ
In His saving love
We remember we believe

Verse 1

Jesus bread of hope
Word become flesh
Manna from heaven

We receive You now
Saved by Your sacrifice
We give You our lives

Chorus

Verse 2

Jesus cup of joy
Drink for the world

Foretaste of heaven

We receive You now
Saved by Your sacrifice
We give You our lives

Chorus

Verse 3

Jesus Word of life
Spoken to save
Love freely given

We receive You now
Filling our ev'ry need
You give us Your life

Chorus

Ending

In the truth of Christ
And His saving love
We remember we believe

+THE APOSTLES' CREED *{Front Center}* (Katie Baltgalvis)

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 {*Front Center*} (*Katie Baltgalvis*)

L: Gracious Lord of love, we affirm our vital connection with all living creatures. Empower us to seek their welfare, intervening where needed, defending and tending your world with grace, compassion, and dignity.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Hear our prayers, gracious God, for the sake of Jesus, our good shepherd.

C: Amen.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER {*Front Center*}

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE {*Musicians*}

SENDING

SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*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 {*Front Center*} (*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

“Your Grace is Enough”

Matt Maher/John Wasson

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle
with the sinner's heart

You lead us in the song
of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

You lead us by still waters
into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-chorus

Chorus 1 (two times)

Pre-chorus

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Pre-chorus

Chorus 1

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Chorus 2

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2

Great is Your love
and justice God

Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me
For me

You use the weak
to lead the strong

+DISMISSAL *{Front Center}* (Katie Baltgalvis)

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE