

Worship Leader Edition  
Summer of Mission  
American Red Cross Blood Drive

June 6, 2021

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Rob*)

+LITANY FOR SERVANTS (*Rob*)

L: Lord, you call us to serve others in your name. Help us to forget our discomfort and become focused on you and immersed in serving others as we claim your promise to be among us. Thank you for calling us to be your hands and feet in the world.

**C: Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others.**

L: We see your hand in our lives and feel your care and abiding presence each day of our lives. Help us to serve joyfully, to see others with your compassionate eyes, and to live each day with a servant heart.

**C: Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others.**

L: Gracious God, give us your words to sustain the weary. Help us to listen. Give us servant ears and hearts to help.

**C: Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others.**

L: Lord Jesus, we want to be your agents of justice in a hurting world. Help us to hold nothing back from serving others in your name, help us to be open about praising you and giving you the glory.

**C: Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others.**

L: Take our attention away from ourselves so we can focus on you and on the needs of others. Help us to provide encouragement to others.

**C: Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others, in your name. Amen.**

*-Adapted from Connecting in Grace, Incarnation Lutheran Church, used with permission.*

+GATHERING HYMN

“My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord”

**ELW #573**

**Verse 1**

My soul now magnifies the Lord;  
My spirit leaps, by joy possessed.  
You keep me in your kind regard;  
All generations call me blessed.

And cast them down from high estate;  
Then give the low your nourishment.

**Verse 4**

You feed the hungry as your own;  
The wealthy leave with empty hands.  
You give your help to Israel;  
Your gracious promise always stands.

**Verse 2**

For you alone, O God of might,  
Have done amazing things for me.  
Your mercy flows; your name like light  
Remains in time perpetually.

**Verse 5**

Sing glory to the Holy One,  
Give honor to the incarnate Word,  
And praise the Pow'r of God most high,  
From age to age by all adored.

**Verse 3**

Your arm is strong; your strength is great.  
You scatter those of proud intent

+PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Assistant*)

L: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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WORD

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FIRST READING (*Al Buss*)

Psalms 34:1-11

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 7:7-12

‘Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! ‘In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord”

**ELW #690**

**Verse 1**

We raise our hands to you, O Lord,  
Like empty vessels.  
Oh, come to us and give us life  
From springs where living waters flow.

And let our lives bring forth such fruit  
That heals our neighbor’s grief and pain.

**Verse 4**

As summer follows springtime’s rain,  
Grace follows sorrow,  
And grief and joy shall bear much fruit,  
Though hidden from our human eyes.

**Verse 2**

What good and blessing you bestow  
Are freely given.  
Your pow’r will make the weakest strong  
And barren branches start to bud.

**Verse 5**

Through grace your new creation lies  
In hands held open.  
O Giver of all goodness, come,  
Dwell with us in our earthly home.

**Verse 3**

Oh, make our barren trees to grow,  
Our hands to blossom,

+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: Confident in God's compassionate rule and enduring love, let us lift up the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of mercy, hear the cries of your people, and answer us according to your steadfast love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

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MEAL

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Rob*)

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*spoken*)

ELW pg. 152

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. As we prepare to receive this gift of life and forgiveness, let us take a moment of silent confession.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Rob*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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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.*

COUNCIL INTRODUCTION – David Johnson, Treasurer

+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.**

**Verse 1**

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer’s ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away all fear.

**Verse 2**

It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart’s unrest;  
‘tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.

**Verse 5**

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
My prophet, priest, and king,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.

**Verse 7**

Till then I would thy love proclaim  
With every fleeting breath;  
And may the music of thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!

+DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE