

Worship Leader Edition  
Summer of Mission  
Ebenezer Orphanage Haiti/Graduation Sunday

June 20, 2021

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Rob*)

COUNCIL INTRODUCTION – Marc Dunham, Property

+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.**

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+GATHERING HYMN

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

ELW #772

**Verse 1**

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do his will!

**Verse 2**

Order my footsteps by your word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion,  
Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

**Verse 3**

Assist my soul, to apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget your way,  
Restore your wand'ring sheep.

**Verse 4**

Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Pat Lair*)

L: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 (*Pam Leinke*)

James 1:19-27

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

**ELW #512**

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
Open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let me heart be good soil,  
Where love can grow  
And peace is understood.

When my heart is cold,  
Warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost,  
Lead me on your way.

When my heart is hard,  
Break the stone away.

Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil

+THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Pat Lair*)

**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 (*Pat Lair*)

L: Made alive in Christ and filled with his Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Receive our prayers, merciful God, and dwell in us richly, through Jesus Christ, our life and our redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Pat Lair*)

**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.**

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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.*

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

+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

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

**ELW #551**

**Verse 1**

The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
We go in Jesus' name  
To bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.

**Verse 2**

We go to comfort those who mourn  
And set the burdened free;  
Where hope is dim, to share a dream  
And help the blind to see.

**Verse 3**

We go to be the hands of Christ,  
To scatter joy like seed  
And, all our days, to cherish life,  
To do the loving deed.

**Verse 4**

Then let us go to serve in peace,  
The gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
We go in Jesus' name.

+DISMISSAL (*Pat Lair*)

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE