

Worship Leader Edition
Summer of Mission
Feed My Starving Children

June 27, 2021

8:30 AM

GATHERING

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.

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+GATHERING HYMN

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Verses 1-3 and 6

ELW #886

Verse 1

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

Verse 2

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of your name.

Verse 3

The name of Jesus charms our fears
And bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner’s ears,
Brings life and health and peace.

Verse 6

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv’n
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heav’n.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Allie Erickson*)

L: Compassionate God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Deliver us from the death of sin, and raise us to new life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING (*Jodi Murphy*)

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-5, 10

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, ‘Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’ He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. ‘Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“Gather Us In”
Verses 1 & 4

ELW #532

Verse 1

Here in this place the new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

Verse 4

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away—
Here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

+THE APOSTLES’ CREED (*Allie Erickson*)

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 (*Allie Erickson*)

L: Rejoicing in the good news of God come near, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, O God of compassion, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your great mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Allie Erickson*)

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 – Kerry Kollodge, Faith Formation

+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

“To Be Your Presence”

ELW #546

Verse 1

To be your presence is our mission here,
To show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
To be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!

Verse 2

To be your presence is our mission bold,
To feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
To be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!

Verse 3

To be your presence is our mission blest,
To speak for all the broken and oppressed,
To be your voice of hope, your love expressed,
alleluia!

Verse 4

We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
To serve your people is our call and choice,
And in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!

+DISMISSAL (*Allie Erickson*)

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE