

Worship Leader Edition  
Summer of Mission  
MACV/Independence Day

July 4, 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.**

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+GATHERING HYMN

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

ELW #719

Verses 1, 3 - 5

**Verse 1**

Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
Where sound the cries of race and clan,  
Above the noise of selfish strife,  
We hear your voice, O Son of Man.

**Verse 4**

The cup of water giv'n for you  
Still holds the freshness of your grace;  
Yet long these multitudes to view  
The strong compassion in your face.

**Verse 3**

From tender childhood's helplessness,  
From human grief and burdened toil,  
From famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
Your heart has never known recoil.

**Verse 5**

O Master, from the mountainside  
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
Among these restless throngs abide;  
Oh, tread the city's streets again.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Britt Halaas*)

L: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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WORD

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FIRST READING (*Greg Hornicke*)

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual

forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-10

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blest Are They”

ELW #728

**Verse 1**

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
Theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow;  
They shall be consoled.

**Refrain**

Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God!

**Verse 2**

Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
They shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;  
They shall have their fill.

**Refrain**

**Verse 3**

Blest are they who show mercy;  
Mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart;  
They shall see God.

**Refrain**

**Verse 4**

Blest are they who seek peace;  
They are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith;  
The glory of God is theirs.

**Refrain**

**Verse 5**

Blest are you who suffer hate,  
All because of me.  
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom;  
Shine for all to see.

**Refrain**

+THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Britt Halaas*)

**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 (*Britt Halaas*)

L: Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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.*

+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**

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain;  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.

**Verse 2**

O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life:

America! America!  
May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And ev'ry gain divine.

**Verse 3**

O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears:  
America! America!  
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law.

+DISMISSAL (*Britt Halaas*)

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE