

Worship Leader Edition
Summer of Mission
Meals on Wheels

July 25, 2021

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Rob*)

+LITANY – YOU CALL US TO SERVICE (*Rob*)

L: You call us to service; to be your eyes and ears, hands and voice in this, your world.

To open our eyes not only to the beauty and love which you create,

C: but the injustice, hate and suffering that humankind generates.

L: To open our ears not only to the chattering of this coming week,

C: but the searching, fears and questioning of all whom we shall meet.

L: To open our hands not only to those we choose our lives to share,

C: but in welcome, love and fellowship to all who you draw near.

L: To open our mouths not only to speak platitudes and simple words,

C: but the truths you lay upon our hearts. Your Word for this, your world. You call us to service, to be your eyes and ears, hands and voice in this, your world. Amen.

~ By John Birch and posted on his *Faith and Worship*

website. http://www.faithandworship.com/liturgy/Lent_3.htm#ixzz1lkU9wBx2

+GATHERING HYMN

“We Sing to You God”

ELW #791

Verses 1 & 4

Verse 1

We sing to you, O God,

The Rock who gave us birth,

Let our rejoicing sing your name

In all the earth.

To you, O God, let songs be raised,

In joyful hymns, our feast of praise.

Verse 4

O God, eternal God,

We hide within your wings,

The everlasting arms

To whom our praises ring.

Your word is true, your way is just,

You are the God in whom we trust.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Britt Halaas*)

L: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING (*Lector*)

Psalm 33:1-5

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright. Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, “Grant me justice against my opponent.” For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, “Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.” ’ And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

ELW #742

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer!

Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he’ll take and shield you;
You will find a solace there.

+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: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, 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 Holy One, we entrust all for whom we pray, confident in your abundant and abiding mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

+THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Britt Halaas*)

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.

+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

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

ELW #836

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
Praising thee, their sun above.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!

Verse 2

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.

Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine!

+DISMISSAL (*Britt Halaas*)

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE