

Worship Leader Edition  
Summer of Mission  
VBS Participants

August 1, 2021

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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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](http://www.faithandworship.com/liturgy/Lent_3.htm#ixzz1lkU9wBx2)

+GATHERING HYMN

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

ELW #588

**Verse 1**

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There’s a kindness in God’s justice  
Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth’s sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heav’n.  
There is no place where earth’s failings  
Have such kindly judgment giv’n.

**Verse 2**

There is welcome for the sinner,  
And a promised grace made good;  
There is mercy with the Savior;  
There is healing in his blood.

There is grace enough for thousands  
Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations  
In that upper home of bliss.

**Verse 3**

For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of our mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal is more wonderfully kind.

But we make this love too narrow  
By false limits of our own;  
And we magnify its strictness  
With a zeal God will not own.

**Verse 4**

‘Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
It is something more than all:  
Greater good because of evil,  
Larger mercy through the fall.

Make our love, O God, more faithful;  
Let us take you at your word,  
And our lives will be thanksgiving  
For the goodness of the Lord.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Allie Erickson*)

L: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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WORD

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FIRST READING (*Greg Hornicke*)

Isaiah 43:1-4a

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:18-25

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

**ELW #612**

**Refrain**

Healer of our ev’ry ill,  
Light of each tomorrow,  
Give us peace beyond our fear,  
And hope beyond our sorrow.

**Verse 1**

You who know our fears and sadness,  
Grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort,  
Fill our hearts.

**Refrain**

**Verse 2**

In the pain and joy beholding  
How your grace is still unfolding,  
Give us all your vision,  
God of love.

**Refrain**

**Verse 3**

Give us strength to love each other,  
Ev’ry sister, ev’ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness,  
Be our guide.

**Refrain**

Verse 4

You who know each thought and feeling,  
Teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion,  
Fill each heart.

**Refrain**

+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: 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*)

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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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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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.*

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+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**

Jesus, Savior, pilot me  
Over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;  
Chart and compass come from thee,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

**Verse 2**

As a mother stills her child,  
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
Boist'rous waves obey thy will

When thou say'st to them: “Be still.”  
Wondrous sov'reign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

**Verse 3**

When at last I near the shore,  
And the fearful breakers roar  
Twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
Then, while leaning on thy breast,  
May I hear thee say to me:  
“Fear not, I will pilot thee.”

+DISMISSAL (*Allie Erickson*)

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE