

Worship Leader Edition
Living Hope

July 24, 2022

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Rob)

+CALL TO WORSHIP *{Front Center}* (Rob)

Screen

L: Lord, we gather

C: Help us remember who you are.

L: We gather from different places and have different opinions

C: Help us remember the value of adversity.

L: We gather as community

C: Help us remember to love and strengthen one another.

L: We gather in need of healing

C: Help us remember mortal suffering is temporary, but God's Promises are eternal.

L: We gather as your people, created in your image

C: Help us remember the Savior's Example, and to go and do likewise.

C: Amen

+OPENING HYMN

"I Come with Joy"

ELW #482

Verse 1

I come with joy, a child of God,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall
In love laid down for me,
In love laid down for me.

And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

Verse 4

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
Unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known,
Alive among us here,
Alive among us here.

Verse 2

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

Verse 5

Together met, together bound
By all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world
The love that makes us one,
The love that makes us one.

Verse 3

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Greg Hornicke)

L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (Greg Hornicke)

L: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

FIRST READING (Pat Lair)

1 Peter 1:3-23

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look! Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:25-29

”I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Walk by Faith”

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Verse 1

We walk by faith and not by sight;
With gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

Verse 2

We may not touch your hands and side,
Nor follow where you trod;
But in your promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Verse 3

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound

To call on you when you are near
And seek where you are found:

Verse 4

For you, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine;
Beneath the water and the word,
Beneath the bread and wine.

Verse 5

And when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
May we behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (Greg Hornicke)

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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 {*Front Center*} (Britt Halaas)

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After each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (Greg Hornicke)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (Greg Hornicke)

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

SENDING

+BENEDICTION (Rob)

L: Let us go forth into the world in peace, dedicated to God's service, Let us hold fast to that which is good, render to no person evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the needy and the afflicted, and honor all people. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Verse 1

All earth is hopeful,
The Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open
For God’s creative task:
This, the labor of people
Who struggle to see
How God’s truth and justice
Set everybody free.

Verse 2

People of Israel,
You heard the prophet tell:
“A virgin mother
Will bear Emmanuel”:
She conceived him, “God with us,”
Our brother, whose birth
Restores hope and courage
To children of this earth.

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Greg Hornicke*)

L: Go in Peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Today
Given by:

Judy Sandeen
In Celebration of their 7th anniversary

Verse 3

Mountains and valleys
Will have to be prepared;
New highways opened,
New protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing,
In beauty and grace!
All clear ev’ry gateway,
In haste, come out in haste!

Verse 4

We first saw Jesus
A baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus
Today has come to live
In our world; he is present,
In neighbors we see
Our Jesus is with us,
And ever sets us free.