

Worship Leader Edition  
Labor Day

September 4, 2022

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

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

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Rob)

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P: Creator God, you made us to be neighbors, members of one family blessed with great diversity. You created us to be helpers and friends to one another, entrusting to us your justice and your joy. Yet we have denied justice and joy to many, creating worlds of poverty, pain, lost opportunities, and absence of hope. In so many ways, we break each other's hearts. Still, you do not reject us. We ask your forgiveness and pray to be transformed.

*(Brief period of silence)*

P: Loving God,

**C: you restore us to each other and to you, mending our hearts and repairing the world. Through the power of your Spirit, you shape us to be for others what Christ is for us: pardon and peace, new life and blessing. We give you thanks for your love, forgiveness, and constant presence. Amen.**

*(UCC Worship Resources)*

+GATHERING HYMN

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”  
*Verses 1 & 4*

ELW #521

**Verse 1**

O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness,  
most beautiful, most bright:  
on you the high and lowly,  
through ages joined in tune,  
sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"  
to the great God triune.

**Verse 4**

New graces ever gaining  
from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining  
to spirits of the blest.  
We sing to you our praises,  
O Father, Spirit, Son;  
the church its voice upraises  
to you, blest Three in One.

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Britt Halaas)

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}* (Britt Halaas)

L: Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives. So, guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

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WORD

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FIRST READING *{Lectern}* (Greg Hornicke)

Ecclesiastes 2:18-26

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink, and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God; for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases

him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy; but to the sinner he gives the work of gathering and heaping, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

+THE HOLY GOSPEL *{Pulpit}*

Mark 2:23-28

One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON *{Pulpit}*

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"God is Here!"

ELW #526

*Verses 1, 3 & 4*

**Verse 1**

God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts

**Verse 4**

Lord of all, of church and kingdom  
In an age of change and doubt,  
Keep us faithful to the gospel;  
Help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give,  
receive;  
We who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

**Verse 3**

Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

+THE APOSTLES' CREED *{Front Center}* (Britt Halaas)

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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 OF INTERCESSION *{Front Center}* (Britt Halaas)

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+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center}* (Britt Halaas)

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.

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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.

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*brief intro*)

*Screen*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Rob*)

##### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Screen*

**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.**

#### ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE

##### COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

*Screen*

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

#### TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

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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](http://stlukesbloomington.org) and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

#### +POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*)

*Screen*

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

#### +CANTICLE

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

*Screen*

Thankful hearts and voices raise;  
Tell everyone what God has done.  
Let everyone who seeks the Lord  
Rejoice and bear the name of Christ.

Send us with your promises  
And lead your people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanks giving.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

#### +POST-COMMUNION PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Allie Erickson*)

L: Loving God, you have fed our spirits with your word of hope and your food of life. Empower us to go forth strengthened and renewed, to serve the world you love.

**C: Amen.**

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SENDING

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+BENEDICTION *{Front Center}* (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

"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

**ELW #676**

**Verse 1**

Lord, speak to us that we may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let us seek  
your straying children, lost and lone.

**Verse 3**

Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach  
the precious truths which you impart;  
and wing our words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.

**Verse 2**

Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead  
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;  
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed  
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

**Verse 4**

Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,  
until our very hearts o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
your love to tell, your praise to show.

+DISMISSAL *{Front Center}* (Britt Halaas)

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Altar Flowers Today*

*Given by:*

*Ruth Behrendt's Family*

*In celebration of her 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

*&*

*DeSchepper Children & Grandchildren*

*In celebration of*

*Terry & Brenda DeSchepper's*

*30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*