

Worship Leader Edition  
Discipleship

October 9, 2022

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

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

+OPENING HYMN

“Gracious Spirit, Hear Our Pleading”

ELW #401

**Verse 1**

Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,  
fashion us all anew.  
It's your leading that we're needing,  
help us to follow you.

**Refrain**

Come, come, come Holy Spirit come.  
Come, come, come Holy Spirit come.

**Verse 2**

Come to teach us to nourish  
those who believe in Christ.  
Bless the faithful, may they flourish,  
strengthened by grace unpriced.

**Refrain**

Come, come, come Holy Spirit come.  
Come, come, come Holy Spirit come.

+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.**

*(Assistant may be seated if not cantoring)*

+KYRIE *(cantor and congregation)*

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L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE (*cantor and congregation*) “Glory to God”

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L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

L: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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## WORD

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FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Joy Lindgren*)

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING {*Lectern*} (*Joy Lindgren*)

Psalms 19:7-10

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

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**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

+THE HOLY GOSPEL {*Pulpit*} (*Rob*)

Matthew 18:1-5; 19:13-15

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON {*Pulpit*}

Rob

**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.

+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 *{Front Center}* (Britt Halaas)

*After each petition:*

- L: Lord in you mercy.
- C: **Hear our prayer.**

+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.**

+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.

*Please share of wave of peace with one another.*

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (Britt Halaas)

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.

MUSIC by Lori

Something Short and Sweet

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

SENDING

+BENEDICTION *{Front Center}* (Rob)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Verse 1**

"Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.

**Verse 2**

Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
"Hither by thy help I'm come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,

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

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

**Verse 3**

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;

***Altar Flowers Today***

***Given by:***

*Tony & Heather Kambeitz In celebration of  
their daughter's wedding yesterday*

*&*

*Judy Peterson*

*In memory of her husband*

*Jeffrey Peterson*