

Worship Leader Edition  
Seek and Find

February 5, 2023

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

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

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Front Center} (Rob)*

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

**C: Amen**

L: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Mighty and loving God

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, and thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope and love. Amen.**

L: Hear the voice of Jesus; "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

**C: Amen**

+OPENING HYMN

"God is Here!"

ELW # 526

**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!

+GREETING *{Front Center} (Paul Klein)*

L: The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*(Assistant may be seated if not cantoring)*

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.**

**C: Refrain:**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Refrain**

**2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**Refrain**

**3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**Refrain**

**4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**Refrain**

L O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

WORD

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye. “Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you. Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be

opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

*Rob*

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

**ELW 769**

Verses 1, 2 and 4

**Verse 1**

If you but trust in God to guide you  
with gentle hand through all your ways,  
you'll find that God is there beside you,  
when crosses come, in trying days.  
Trust then in God's unchanging love;  
build on the rock that will not move.

in sorrow will he love you less?

For Christ who took for you a cross  
will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

**Verse 4**

Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,  
offer your service faithfully,

Trust heaven's word; though undeserving,  
you'll find God's promise true to be.

This is our confidence indeed:

God never fails in time of need.

**Verse 2**

What gain is there in anxious weeping,  
in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in your Savior's keeping,

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (Paul Klein)

**Screen**

**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*} (Paul Klein)

**Screen**

*After each petition:*

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayers.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (Paul Klein)

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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MEAL

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*Rob*)

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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 in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*brief intro*)

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**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 (*Rob*)

*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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

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**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.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Morning Star, Your Cheering Light"  
St. Luke's Choir

Francis Hagen, Johann Scheffler,  
Tr. Martin Hauser

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*On Screen*)

*Screen*

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.

*Please stand as you are able.*

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*)

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"

ELW #207/*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 thanksgiving  
Alleluia, alleluia.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Paul Klein*)

L: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

**C: Amen.**

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SENDING

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MISSION MINUTE {*Front Center*} (Bev Brosam)

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

L: May the eternal light of God guide you in the way of the peace, through the power of Holy Spirit now and forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

+SENDING HYMN

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

**ELW #765**

**Verse 1**

Lord of all hopefulness,  
Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike,  
no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking,  
and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts Lord,  
at the break of the day.

**Verse 2**

Lord of all eagerness,  
Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at  
the at the plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labors,  
and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
at the noon of the day.

**Verse 3**

Lord of all kindness,  
Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome,  
you're your arms to embrace:  
be thee at our homing,  
and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts Lord,  
at the end of the day.

**Verse 4**

Lord of all gentleness,  
Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment,  
whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping,  
and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
at the end of the day.

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Paul Klein*)

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Lori Murray

***Altar Flowers Today***  
***Given by:***

***Colin Quinn***

***In memory of***  
***Susan Quinn***