

Worship Leader Edition

Love the Least

March 26, 2023

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME by Jubilee (Invite people to download bulletin from the website – stlukesbloomington.org)

+OPENING SONG “Stand in Your Love” E. Hulse; J Baldwin; M. Harris; R. Springer

Verse 1

When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken

Chorus 1

My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love

Verse 2

Shame no longer has a place to hide
And I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
Oh, I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken

Chorus 1

Bridge x2

There's power that can break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name power in Your name

Chorus 2 x2

My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
Standing in Your love

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {Front Center} (Mark Roberts)

L Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {Front Center} (Mark Roberts)

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 of all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS {Front Center} (Rob)

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE {On Floor Pulpit Side} (Emily)

FIRST READING {Lectern} (Tim Krieg)

Lamentations 3:22-32

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

You may remain seated

THE HOLY GOSPEL {Pulpit} (Rob) *You may remain seated*

Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE {Floor}

Rob

+SONG OF THE DAY

"Trading My Sorrows"

Darrell Evans/Mark Cole

Chorus

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

Vamp (two times)

Yes Lord yes Lord
Yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord
Yes yes Lord

Yes Lord yes Lord
Yes yes Lord
Amen

Verse 1

I am pressed but not crushed
Persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed

I am blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure
That His joy's gonna be my strength

Though the sorrow

May last for the night
His joy comes with the morning

Chorus

Vamp (two times)

+THE APOSTLES' CREED *{Front Center} (Mark Roberts)*

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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} (Mark Roberts)*

After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Mark Roberts)*

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come: your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE *(Mark Roberts)*

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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 and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

MUSIC

"Lenten Meditation"

Paul McKlveen

Bells of Praise

Sending

COUNCIL INTRODUCTION

Rani Hayden, Secretary

+BENEDICTION *(Rob)*

L: Almighty God bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

+SENDING SONG

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored

And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness
and sword

Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus 1

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call

So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

+DISMISSAL *Mark Roberts*)

L: The Lord of peace give you peace at all times and in all ways. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

REPRISE

“Days of Elijah”

Mark Robin/Mark Cole

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise

And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in Your world
And we are the laborers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Chorus 1

Bridge x3

There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah

Chorus 1 x2

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