

Worship Leader Edition
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Elijah the Prophet is Trusting

May 7, 2023

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

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

+OPENING SONG

“What a Friend”

Maier, Hein, Palmer/Kerr & Galbraith

Verse 1

Everybody has trials and temptations
Everybody knows heart break, isolation
But we can lay our burdens down
Lay our burdens down

Chorus 1

What a friend we have in Jesus
East to west my sins are gone
I see grace on every horizon
And forever and ever
His heart is my home

Verse 2

Everybody has fears
Everybody got worries
Everybody knows sorrow, devastation
But we can lay our burdens down
Lay our burdens down

Chorus 1

Bridge 1

No more betrayal for He is faithful
He fills me up
And my cup runneth over
No more betrayal for He is faithful
How He has proven it over and over

Bridge 2

No more betrayal for He is faithful
He fills me up
And my cup runneth over
No more betrayal for He is faithful
How He has proven it over and over
Over and oh-

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

What a friend we have in Jesus
East to west my sins are gone
I see grace on every horizon
And forever and ever
His heart is my home

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center} (Tim Krieg)*

L: God of Elijah, with great fire you made your presence known to the worshipers of Baal. Help us to resist the temptation to place our trust and faith in anything other than you. Receive our worship and strengthen our faith. Amen.

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center} (Tim Krieg)*

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.

Please share a wave of peace with one another.

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

WORD

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

FIRST READING *{Lectern} (Eric Murphy)*

1 Kings 18:20-40

So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, “How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” The people did not answer him a word. Then Elijah said to the people, “I, even I only, am left a prophet of

the LORD; but Baal’s prophets number four hundred fifty. Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the LORD; the god who answers by fire is indeed God.” All the people answered, “Well spoken!” Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire to it.” So they took the bull that was given them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, “O Baal, answer us!” But there was no voice, and no answer. They limped about the altar that they had made. At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, “Cry aloud! Surely he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.” Then they cried aloud and, as was their custom, they cut themselves with swords and lances until the blood gushed out over them. As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice, no answer, and no response. Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come closer to me”; and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down; Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, “Israel shall be your name”; with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, “Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood.” Then he said, “Do it a second time”; and they did it a second time. Again he said, “Do it a third time”; and they did it a third time, so that the water ran all around the altar, and filled the trench also with water. At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.” Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench. When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, “The LORD indeed is God; the LORD indeed is God.” Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let one of them escape.” Then they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Wadi Kishon, and killed them there.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL {Pulpit} (Rob)

John 10:24-39

So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.” The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?” The Jews answered, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.” Jesus answered, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, you are gods’? If those to whom the word of God came were called ‘gods’ —and the scripture cannot be annulled— can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Rob

+SONG OF THE DAY

“Glorious Day”

Ingram, Smith, Curran Stanfill/Galbraith

Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb 'til I met You

All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Chorus 1

You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness

Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive

Into Your glorious day
You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day

Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new
Jesus when I met You

Chorus 1

Bridge

I needed rescue
My sin was heavy
But chains break
At the weight of Your glory

I was an orphan
Now You call me
A citizen of Heaven
When I was broken
You were my healing
Now Your love
Is the air that I'm breathing

I have a future
My eyes are open
'Cause when you called my name
I ran out of that grave

Chorus 2

Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day
You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day

+THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Tim Krieg*)

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 (*Tim Krieg*)

Screen

After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Behind Altar}* (*Rob*)

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Rob*)

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE/COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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

COMMUNION SONG

"If We've Ever Needed You"
Jubilee Praise Team

Mark Hall, Bernie Herms

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.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Tim Krieg*)

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 our gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

C: Amen.

SENDING

SYNOD ASSEMBLY REFLECTION {*Center*}

Mollee Erickson & Dan Cinnamon

+BENEDICTION (*Rob*)

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: Amen.

+SENDING SONG

“Who You Say I Am”

Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Verse 2

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Bridge X2

I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am

Tag

I am who You say I am

Chorus 3

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

+DISMISSAL (*Tim Krieg*)

L: Go now in peace, for nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

REPRISE

Altar Flowers Today Given by
Bonnie, Karen & Lisa In memory of Joyce Jacobson
and
Mark Bergherr
In memory of Maya Kale