

Worship Leader Edition
Blessing of the Backpacks & Animals

August 27, 2023

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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

+LITANY – BLESSINGS (Rob)

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L: For the marvels of your creation,

C: we praise you, O God.

L: For the opportunity to explore and study,

C: we praise you, O God.

L: For those who guide us, teachers and mentors,

C: we praise you, O God.

L: For companionship from pets and for those who care for them

C: we praise you, O God.

L: Teach us your ways and guide us in your path, for you are the creator of all that is, seen and unseen.

C: Amen

+OPENING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

ELW #858

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning

and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;

surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do

if with his love he befriend you.

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

all that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again.

Gladly forever adore him!

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

L: From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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

L: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING (Mark Bergherr)

Psalm 148

L: Please join me in reading Psalm 148 (call and response)

L: Praise for God's Universal Glory

C: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

L: from the heavens;

C: Praise the LORD!

L: in the heights!

C: Praise the LORD!

L: all his angels;

C: Praise the LORD!

L: all his host!

C: Praise the LORD!

L: sun and moon;

C: Praise the LORD!

L: all you shining stars!

C: Praise the LORD!

L: you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

C: Praise the LORD!

L: for he commanded and they were created. He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

C: Praise the LORD!

L: from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

C: Praise the LORD!

L: for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to the LORD!

C: Praise the LORD!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

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

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-32

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Walk by Faith”

ELW #635

Verses 1, 3, & 5

Verse 1

We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:

Verse 5

And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold You as You are,
with full and endless sight.

Verse 3

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound

+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*)

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After each petition:

L: Lord in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

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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.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

L: You may be seated. 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, and there is a QR code in the bulletin to give electronically. For those on-line please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

SONG

Lori Murray

SENDING

+BENEDICTION (*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.

+SENDING HYMN

"Praise the Lord! O Heavens"

ELW #823

Verse 1

Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him;
praise him, gleaming stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken
for their guidance he has made.

Verse 2

Praise the Lord, for he is gracious;
never shall his promise fail.
God has made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
heav'n and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify his name!

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

L: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

*Altar Flowers Today Given by
Roger & Janet Lyson
In celebration of
their 48th wedding anniversary*