

Worship Leader Edition
Biblical and Everyday Hereos

September 24, 2023

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Count Your Blessings”
Bells of Praise

Patricia Cota

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Mark Bergherr)

+OPENING HYMN

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”
With Bells of Praise

ELW #843

Verse 1

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From the well comes living water
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Verse 2

Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With a piercing, two-edged sword.

Verse 3

Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
Praise the One who makes us one.
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+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.

(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: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING (*Becky Olson*)

Genesis 32:9-13, 22-30

And Jacob said, 'O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, "Return to your country and to your kindred, and I will do you good", I am not worthy of the least of all the steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan; and now I have become two companies. Deliver me, please, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him; he may come and kill us all, the mothers with the children. Yet you have said, "I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted because of their number." 'So he spent that night there. The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.'

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

+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 (*Pastor Steve Olson*)

John 20:24-29

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Olson

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright"

ELW #745

Verses 1, 3, & 5

Verse 1

Lord, teach us how to pray aright,
With rev'rence and with fear.
Though dust and ashes in your sight,
We may, we must draw near.

A strong desire, with confidence,
To hear your voice and live;

Verse 5

Give these, and then your will be done;
Thus strengthened with all might,
We, through your Spirit and your Son,
Shall pray, and pray aright.

Verse 3

Give deep humility; the sense
Of godly sorrow give;

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*) *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*} (*Britt Halaas*) *Screen*

After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

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.

MUSIC

“Heart of Worship”
Bells of Praise

Michael Helman

SENDING

+BENEDICTION (*Pastor Steve Olson*)

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

“Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word”

ELW #663

Verse 1

Spread, oh, spread almighty Word,
Spread the reign of God the Lord.
Send forth our Creator's call,
Heaven's gifts extend to all.

Verse 3

Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy just and true,
Working both to will and do.

Verse 2

Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave himself as sacrifice.

Verse 4

Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See your light and heed your call

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

L: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Today Given by

Lori Murray

In memory of her sister,

Nancy (Murray) Bergeron