

Worship Leader Edition
Friendship Requirements Week Three: Reconciliation

April 28, 2024

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Rock-a-My-Soul
Bells of Praise

JoAnn Ramsdale

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}*

+OPENING HYMN

“Forgive our Sins as We Forgive”

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Verse 1

"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

Verse 3

In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
How trifling others' debts to us;
How great our debt to you!

Verse 2

How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

Verse 4

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, by your mercy reconciled,
Our lives will spread your peace.

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

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L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit 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: Holy Lord, within your church, your followers have often allowed their disagreements to get in the way of being faithful to your word. Remove any barriers our communities face that prevent us from sharing your word and building up your church.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING *{Lectern} (Al Buss)*

Acts 15:36-41

After some days Paul said to Barnabas, ‘Come, let us return and visit the believers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.’ Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers commending him to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

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

Matthew 18:15-20

‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

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Verse 1

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 3

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 2

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 4

Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

+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: Hear us, Oh God.

C: Your mercy is great.

+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 one another. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat.

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

L: During this time of reflection and response please fill out your welcome card with any prayer request and use this time to prepare your offering. Enjoy this time.

ANTHEM

“Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God”
Bells of Praise

Cathy Moglebust

SENDING

COUNCIL INTRODUCTION

Kelsey Newby, President Elect

+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

“God, When Human Bonds Are Broken”

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Verse 1

God, when human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.

from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.

Verse 4

Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing;
make us stronger, give us faith.

Verse 2

Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess.

Verse 5

Give us faith to be more faithful,
Give us hope to be more true,
give love to go on learning:
God, encourage and renew!

Verse 3

You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release

+DISMISSAL (Rob)

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Today Given by

Judy and Steve Ludwigson

*In celebration of Jayson Ness's birthday
and Steve and Judy's 39th Anniversary*