

Worship Leader Edition
Keeping the Faith When We Feel Lost

June 9, 2024

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Steve Olson)

+OPENING HYMN

“Built On a Rock”
Verses 1, 3 & 5

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Verse 1

Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling--
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.

granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.

Verse 5

Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

Verse 3

Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Beth Angerhofer)

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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.

+CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Look to the mountains; look to the hills!

C: Love comes to us with joy!

L: The world is filled with beauty.

C: Flowers appear on the earth, birdsong brightens the day.

L: Crops yield their produce in abundance, the air is filled with sweetness.

C: God so loves the world;

L: Enough to become one of us, enough to suffer along with us, enough to offer new life for us.

C: The summer of God's love is with us.

L: Let the oil of gladness anoint your souls.

C: Arise and sing for joy!

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+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (Beth Angerhofer)

L: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING *{Lectern}* (Betty Bender)

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

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 (Steve Olson) *{Pulpit}*

Mark 3:20-35

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON TEXT (Steve Olson) *{Pulpit}*

2nd Corinthians 4:13-5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

SERMON

Steve Olson

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ, Be Our Light”

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Verse 1

Longing for light,
we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth,
we turn to you.
Make us your own,
your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2

Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope,
many despair.

Your word alone
has pow’r to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Verse 3

Longing for food,
many are hungry.
Longing for water,
many still thirst.
Make us your bread,
broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Verse 4

Longing for shelter,
many are homeless.
Longing for warmth,
many are cold.

Make us your building
sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Verse 5

Many the gifts,
many the people,
many the hearts that
yearn to belong.
Let us be servants
to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.

Refrain

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

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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*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

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After each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

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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*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

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*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

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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.

SENDING

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Steve Olson*)

L: The God of hope fill you with joy and peace, so you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

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Refrain

Lead me, guide me, along the way;
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verse 1

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
To help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain

Verse 2

+DISMISSAL (*Steve Olson*) {*Back of Sanctuary*}

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Today Given by

Dick and Judy Sandeen

In memory of Jim Gross

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain

Verse 3

I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain