

Worship Leader Edition
God is Faithful, Even When Life Throws us a Detour

June 16, 2024

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Front Center}* (Steve Olson)

L: When we want to honor your “still speaking voice”,
but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions:

C: God, have mercy on us!

L: When we want to live into Jesus’ dream of oneness,
but fail to listen to voices of difference:

C: Jesus, have mercy on us!

L: When we want to be a church ever-reforming,
yet cling to comfortable ways:

C: Holy Spirit, have mercy on us!

L: Take heart, get up; Jesus is calling to us! We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia.
Through Christ, God forgives us our failings, and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness.

C: Amen

+OPENING HYMN

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”
Verses 1, 3 & 4

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Verse 1

Oh, that I had a thousand voices
to praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
would then proclaim in grateful songs
to all, wherever I might be,
what great things God has done for me!

you flow’rs so fragrant and so fair,
you live to show forth praise alone.
Join me to make God’s glory known!

Verse 4

All creatures that have breath and motion,
that throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
come, share with me my heart’s devotion,
help me to sing God’s praises high!
My utmost pow’rs can never quite
declare the wonders of God’s might!

Verse 3

You forest leaves so green and tender
that dance for joy in summer air,
you meadow grasses, bright and slender,

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

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.

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

L: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING *{Lectern}* (Bette Gamboni)

2nd Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the

heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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*)

Mark 4:26-34

He also said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.’ He also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Steve Olson

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

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Verse 1

Jesus, still lead on,
till our rest be won;
and, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by your hand
to the promised land.

Verse 3

When we seek relief
from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring,
make us patient and enduring,
show us that bright shore
where we weep no more.

Verse 2

If the way be drear,
if the foe be near,
let no faithless fears o’ertake us,
let not faith and hope forsake us;
safely past the foe
to our home we go.

Verse 4

Jesus, still lead on,
till our rest be won;
heav’nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us,
till we safely stand
in the promised land.

+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, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

+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.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*Steve Olson*)

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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life and so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise you name and join their unending hymn:

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*brief intro*)

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C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Steve Olson*)

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Steve Olson*)

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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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

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C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*On Screen*)

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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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Steve Olson*)

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Steve Olson*)

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

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

L: May 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, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Amen.

Verse 1

Sent forth by God’s blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ’s teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
Your love shall unite us
To work for your kingdom and answer your call.

Verse 2

With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face--
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing God’s children the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us,
With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

+DISMISSAL {Back} (*Steve Olson*)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Altar Flowers Today Given by
Helen Schatzlein
In memory of John and my parents.*