

Worship Leader Edition  
Trust God to Spark Joy

July 7, 2024

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

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

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Front Center}* (Rob) *Screen*

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

“O God of Every Nation”

**ELW #713/Screen**

**Verse 1**

O God of every nation,  
Of every race and land,  
Redeem your whole creation  
With your almighty hand;  
Where hate and fear divide us  
And bitter threats are hurled,  
In love and mercy guide us and  
heal our strife-torn world

**Verse 2**

From search for wealth and power  
And scorn of truth and right,  
From trust in bombs that shower  
Destruction through the night,  
From pride of race and station  
And blindness to your way,  
Deliver every nation,  
Eternal God we pray.

**Verse 3**

Lord, strengthen all who labor  
That all may find release  
From fear of rattling saber,  
From dread of war’s increase;  
When hope and courage falter,  
Lord, let your voice be heard;  
With faith that none can alter,  
Your servants undergrid.

**Verse 4**

Keep bright in us the vision  
Of days when war shall cease,  
When hatred and division  
Give way to love and peace,  
Till dawns the mornings glorious  
When truth and love shall reign,  
And Christ shall rule victorious  
O’er all the world’s domain.

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Bette Gamboni)

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}* (Bette Gamboni)

L: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

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 (*Rob*)

John 15:7-11

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW #479/*Screen*

**Verse 1**

We come to the hungry feast  
hungry for a word of peace.  
To hungry hearts unsatisfied  
the love of God is not denied.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,  
the poor in body, poor in mind.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

**Verse 3**

We come to the hungry feast  
hungry that the hunger cease,  
and knowing, through we eat our fill,  
the hunger will stay with us; still  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

**Verse 2**

We come to the hungry feast  
hungry for a world released

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

*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*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

*Screen*

*After each petition:*

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

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.

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MEAL

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*Rob*)

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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 (*Rob*)

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Rob*)

*Screen*

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come: your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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*)

*Screen*

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 (*Rob*)

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*} (*Rob*)

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.**

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SENDING

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+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

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.**

+SENDING HYMN

“O God of Love, O King of Peace”

ELW #749/Screen

**Verse 1**

O God of love, O King of peace,  
make wars throughout the world to cease;  
our greed and sinful wrath restrain.

**Refrain**

Give peace, O God, give peace again.

**Verse 2**

Remember, Lord, your works of old,  
the wonders that our elders told;  
remember not our sins' deep stain.

**Refrain**

+DISMISSAL *{Back}* (Rob)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**Verse 3**

Whom shall we trust but you, O Lord?  
Where rest but on your faithful word?  
None ever called on you in vain.

**Refrain**

**Verse 4**

Where saints and angels dwell above  
all hearts are knit in holy love;  
oh, bind us in that heav'nly chain.

**Refrain**

*Altar Flowers Today Given by*

*Britt Halaas*

*In memory of Cosmo on his birthday  
and all the pets that have graced us with their presence  
and have since passed on.*