

Worship Service ~ June 13, 2021, 9:00

Third Sunday after Pentecost

VISION: Be the body of Christ:
welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.
MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Gary & Diane Zak,
thanking God for His many blessings!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG ELW #641 *ALL ARE WELCOME* stz 1, 4

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of
grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and
stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word
they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of
God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our
sin. *~Silence for reflection~*

L: God, our provider, help us.

**C: It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question
your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which
we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting
in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn
us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the
words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.**

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God,

C: 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. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Laudamus Te"* from Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi; Jan LeClair and Penny Meier duet; Alan Ball, piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

R: A reading from Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,

I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW page 151 **ALLELUIA**

R: A Gospel reading from the 4th chapter of Mark.

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain

in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet 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."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

SONG OF THE DAY ELW #583 *TAKE MY LIFE* stz 1, 4

Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

MESSAGE Rev. Julie Wright, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of love,

C: you call us beloved children and welcome us. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW #807 *COME THOU FOUNT* stz 1, 3

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fether bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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